

82nd Annual Saskatoon Diocesan Convention

May 1st, 2017

St. Anns Parish/Watrous Civic Center, Watrous, Sask.

President's Greetings and Report

On behalf of the Core Executive of the Saskatoon Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's league of Canada, I am very pleased to welcome all of you to our 82nd Annual Convention! We are honoured that you have taken the time to attend our convention and are looking forward to getting to know you a little better as together we learn who we are and why we are here. Let us celebrate together with our new theme; "Inspired by the Spirit, women respond to God's call."

Please take note of our guest displays from Saskatchewan Pro- Life who are offering a free draw for "The Euthanasia Deception" video, Development and Peace who are celebrating their 50th year and are offering free memberships, St. Therese School of Faith and Mission with Chris O'Hara and you will be hearing a little about them later this morning, The Lay Formation Program with Mona Goodman and Connie McGrath and we will be hearing from them as well. Universal Church supplies have a wonderful display of items and books for sale.

Please take time to see the display of "Lap Quilts" from across our Diocese and see what a combined effort can produce. I want to acknowledge Kipley Yaworski's presence here as Reporter/Communications for our Saskatoon Diocese and the Prairie Messenger, Kip has provided each of you with handouts on "Finding the Gifts" a series of short videos produced in Saskatchewan under the leadership of our catholic bishops and with the financial support of the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation.

Please take note that on the National website "Be league" has been replaced with "On the Spot." Please make use of this to post your Council's Activities. The website is a great resource, you need to take the time to explore a bit and it is amazing what you can find to use in your local Councils to inspire and encourage your members.

The mailout from National that just arrived a few weeks ago has so much valuable information; For example, Betty Colaneri; Community Life shared that on February 17, 2017 Pope Francis spoke to International Forum on Migration and Peace; the shared responses were combined to form 4 important issues on Immigrants.

- To welcome
- To protect
- To promote
- To integrate

Pope Francis encourages us as women to be the ones to make things happen. There is also a page on the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation with important information on this educational program. Claire will share on that this afternoon.

What are you in your Councils doing to support the "12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care"?

I have tried to get the prayer cards out to all Councils for each individual member to pray in unity with all members across Canada on May 4th; if that date doesn't work for you; then choose a date possibly between May 7th to 13th, the week set aside for Palliative Care; lots of resources on the CWL National website regarding this as well as a petition to have parishioners sign and send into National before May 12th; together we can make a difference.

In our Diocese, the following are celebrating Anniversaries this year; Immaculate Conception Council at Major; St. Michael Council at Cudworth; St. Bruno Council at Bruno-all celebrating 90 Years; Sacred Heart Council at Eston 85 years; St. Ann's Council here in Watrous and St. Patrick Council in Young 80 years, Our Lady of Assumption Council, Kerrobert 75 years, St. Peter's Council in Unity 70 years; St Mary's Council, Fox Valley 65 Years; St. Mary's Council, Wadena and Christ the King Council at Foam Lake each at 40 years. I spoke to Francis at Wadena a week ago and they were celebrating on April 29th just over this past weekend. I am looking forward to meeting and celebrating with each of you as you remember and honour the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future of each of your Councils. Unfortunately, I just received notice from Holy Trinity Council in Pilger and they have disbanded; along with Our Lady of Grace Council, Dodsland last September. St. Patrick Council, Young have notified me that they will be disbanding in August also; I have asked their members to please join St. Ann's Council here in Watrous. Please, if you are considering disbanding, call me and I will be happy to come and discuss your situation, as I would rather see you amalgamate or is there the option of your Council becoming a prayer partner for all CWL Councils; this was a thought that has occurred to me, that if instead of trying to fill executive positions, you simply have a small core and agree to meet monthly to pray together for all the needs of your sister CWL Councils across Canada; just think how powerful that would be; "Inspired by the Spirit, Women respond to God's Call". I am very pleased to announce that 2 of our Saskatoon Diocesan CWL Members are being awarded the Bellelle Guerin Award – for members who have served at more than one level who have been an exemplary member of the League, and who does not and will not qualify for life membership. They were nominated by Provincial Council and have been members for 44 and 47 years; they are both members of St. Augustine Council in Humboldt; their names are Ruth Hiebert and Anne Kosokowsky; unfortunately neither of them could attend our convention today, but will receive their awards in the near future either at Provincial Convention or at their Parish Council awards celebration in June.

I wish to conclude with a call for each of us to open our hearts and minds to the winds of the Holy Spirit that we may be filled with the power of the Spirit and anointed for many new works so that truly inspired by the Spirit we may go forth in response to God's Call for us, as one in the Spirit. When we open our hearts and minds to the Spirit we will be surprised at the fresh ideas and inspiration that will follow; "Behold I make all things new" and that includes every parish Council in our Diocese. Bring your new inspirations to us and together we will grow with a renewed focus.

This concludes my report

Marlene VanDresar

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Organization Report

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Greetings and Blessings to everyone! Thank You for taking the time and making the effort to be here today, and what a joy it is for us to share our Faith and renew our commitment to the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

The duties of the organization chairperson are: to recruit and maintain membership, to develop leadership, to have a good working knowledge of the League, to look after the annual reports and to be aware of any life members in the council.

We have a common goal and theme across Canada. And what a great theme we have for the next two years, "Inspired by the Spirit, Women respond to God's call." Doesn't that make you feel like being called into action? Let's get excited, we have the greatest riches to share; we have the Holy sacraments, we have the angels and saints, we have the Holy Spirit and we have Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. And don't you feel fortunate to have our "Our Lady of Good Council" as our patroness. She really does lead us, and guide us in so many directions, and sometimes in directions we thought we would never go.

I came into the CWL by someone who nominated me as president. Feeling inadequate and unworthy for this position, I decided to clear out some junk in my life and learn more about my faith. As I took the time to reach out, The Holy Spirit reached out to help me. Even though I was a cradle Catholic there was so much more I needed to learn. The Holy Spirit and Our Blessed Mother helped me to move forward, in my commitment to the League. I would like to challenge each one of you to surrender to the Holy Spirit. Our new Theme, Inspired by the Spirit, Women respond to Gods Call, is a call for each one of us. Many workers are needed in the vineyard. Review your talents and take that step to become a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, vice president or even president. Make that phone call to invite your friend or neighbour to a meeting or event. The Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Council will help and guide you on your way. So take the next step, then pray and ask our Lady to help you. I have read that our Lord and our lady have so many graces they want to give us, but they are sad because we are not asking for them. So let's get on our knees, and beg for Gods graces, to keep this organization alive and well. We need each one of you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the online annual reports. Online reporting is here to stay. We had 33 out of 48 councils report online, three reported by mail or personally. Let's make it our goal to have to have an annual report from all 48 councils next year.

What is a life member? In the Catholic women's League of Canada, life membership gives to the recipient, in addition to the honour, a permanent place on the national council, the same voting privileges as accredited delegates at an annual meeting or convention, a voice in its affairs and eligibility for a National appointment. A life member receives notice of the annual national convention and, at her request, a copy of the minutes, plus copies of all relevant mailings from National office.

Life membership is not intended to be a reward for years of service or a retirement gift. National council requires support and active service from its life members. Only diocesan and provincial executives are entitled to submit applications for life membership in accordance with the established criteria.

Life members are expected to maintain their membership by paying annual per capita fees through their parish council. They are responsible for registering for diocesan, provincial and National conventions and are expected to pay their own expense, other than registration fees at national convention. You can find more information in your National manual of policy and procedures.

Can I please get our life members to stand up? Thank You for attending our convention and for your support and active service.

This concludes my report.

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Saskatoon Diocesan Council

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It's evident and commendable upon viewing the compiled Diocesan surveys that everyone has already been inspired by the Holy Spirit. Even though some parishes are small with no delegate chairperson for a committee, women have met local needs.

The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon donates \$30,000 yearly to over 40 different chosen charities. Special thanks for volunteering your time and donation of articles.

Continue to be informed and act on various social justice issues as well as outreach to national and international organizations.

May God bless you in your endeavors.

Mary Kehrig

Christian Family Life Convention Report - May 1, 2017

Good Morning everyone!

First of all I would just like to acknowledge that of the 25 councils reporting in our Christian Family Life Convenership many of them were active in all respects of the duties that we encompass: including Marriage and Family' Sanctity of Life; Youth; Disabled Persons and Seniors; Supporting and Promoting Religious Vocations. Many jobs well done!

Next, I would like to comment on the Euthanasia Deception Video. It has been well received and has been instrumental in changing the opinion of some who were previously in favor of the euthanasia process. There is one documented case of Shane Johnston's grandmother who changed her mind after viewing the video. At this time another video is in the process of being made. It is called "Fatal Flaws". Donations are being sought for the filming. Also available is a pamphlet entitled "Caring not Killing". The Compassionate Community Care Service is also providing a helpline for person to call if they are considering the Euthanasia option. The number to call is 1-855-675-8749. We are also encouraged to attend the Day of Care for Palliative Care which will be held on May 4th in many parishes.

The National "March for Life" is taking place in Ottawa on May 10th – May 12th. The Youth Conference is on May 12th. Let us also not forget the Annual Mother's Day Walk on Sunday, May 14th from 2:30 to 3:30 along College Drive in front of Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. It would be nice to see a large turnout for this event.

It was very disappointing to see our Federal Government pledging 650 million dollars for funding abortion abroad. We have been requested to write to or visit out MP's to let them know you disagree with the Trudeau governments global abortion funding. Government funding should go to life affirming and life saving foreign aid.

Send your letters postage free to:

Name of (your Member of Parliament)
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Please also remember that this is a special year, as this is the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. The Anniversary spans from May 13th to Oct. 13th in this year of 2017.

Let us pray especially for Our Lady's Blessings on the good works of our League.

Respectfully submitted

Marie Vogelgesang

Communication Report for Saskatoon CWL Diocesan Convention

submitted by Shelly Ternes

Between May & October of 1917 The Virgin Mary appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta on the 13th day of each month at approximately noon for six straight months except for the month of August which was the 19th.

When Our Lady came to Fatima in 1917 as "The Lady of the Rosary" it was to emphasize that most powerful prayer and urge us to use it in imploring God's mercy and gaining Our Lady's help and protection against the catastrophic events which were to come in the form of World War II and the global spread of atheistic communism.

MESSAGE of FATIMA

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The most important dimension of the Fátima event was not the supernatural and preternatural phenomena but the content and the meaning of the message communicated to the children. By following this message their spiritual lives were elevated to the heights of sanctity, to which the beatification of Jacinta and Francisco testifies, and the hope and possibility of the conversion of the world from its ruinous course was offered to mankind.

This message can be seen as comprising two essential elements, to which all others can be related in some way. The first of these elements is the singular role of the Immaculate One in the economy of salvation, a dogmatic fact. God does not have whims, and so the request of the Almighty that devotion to the Immaculate Heart be established in the world must be founded on reality and presumes that such devotion is justly given to the Mother of God.

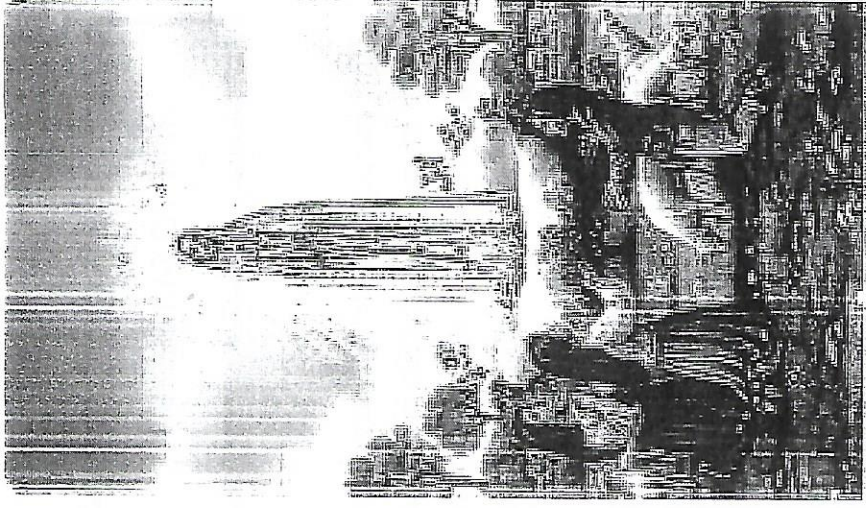
The second of these elements involves the practical order, the value of devotion to the Immaculate Heart for the individual life and for the future of the human race. To this element are connected the various spiritual practices encouraged by the Angel and by the Lady, as well as the prophetic content of the message, upon which the fate of the world depends. Without the first element, the dogmatic, the practical dimension of the message of Fátima would be entirely arbitrary.

CHILDREN OF FATIMA

... the Mother of God appeared six times to three young children.

In the year 1917, in a mountainous region at the center of Portugal, the Mother of God appeared six times to three young children. Elsewhere on the continent the "Great War" raged, that would cost Europe an entire generation, over 37 million lives. Besides sending her own sons to die (in France and North Africa) Portugal was in political chaos at home. There was a dizzy succession of governments following a revolution in 1910. The monarchy had been replaced by a republic, with a new liberal constitution separating Church from state. Government officials, under the influence of Freemasonry, were not sympathetic to the Faith. But for the people themselves, the Faith was the air they breathed, as in the village of Aljustrel, a collection of whitewashed houses on a dusty road in the parish of Fatima..

There Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta were born and raised in homes where the catechism was their daily bread, stories from the Bible their recreation, and the word of the village priest was law. Lucia de Jesus Santos was born, the youngest of seven children, to Antonio and Maria Rosa Santos, on 22 March 1907. She was a plain child with sparkling eyes and a magnetic personality, a natural leader to whom other children looked with confident affection. Blessed with an excellent memory, Lucia was able to learn her catechism, and make her First Communion and Confession, at age six. She herself became a catechist at nine. Lucia would be the constant guide and companion to her first cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, through the trials that accompanied the apparitions of the Blessed Mother.



100 YEARS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1917 - 2017

HOW TO SAY ROSARY

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them.

The Second Glorious Mystery

THE ASCENSION

Spiritual Fruit:
Hope, Desire for Heaven



1. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the **Mystery** assigned in the box; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the **Mystery**.
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."

After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*"

After the Rosary:

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O **GOD**, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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Spiritual Development Report – May 1, 2017

"Spiritual growth is the very heart of the League and the essence of its existence." One of the duties of our League is the evangelization and mission assistance. The League's mission will remain incomplete until we can say we have shared not only our material goods with others, but more importantly, our gift of faith. One way of doing this is to promote the collection for Catholic Missions in Canada, which is northern Saskatchewan, Yukon and North West Territories. Archbishop Murray Chatlain of Saskatoon has been serving in the northern missions since 2008. Father Jan Hansen, redemptorist priest who served at St. Mary's Church in Saskatoon is one of the missionaries serving in Inuvik, NWT and Father Lawrence DeMong, OSB of St. Peter's Abbey is serving in northern parishes of Southend and LaRonge, just to name a few familiar names. The northern Canadian missions are among the most rugged and dangerous in the world. It is one place where conditions and climate can kill you. In the far north, flight costs are greatly inflated. Bishop Krothi states it costs the Churchill/Hudson Bay Diocese \$9,500 for his travels around the parishes just for Christmas masses. Food is also very expensive, a dozen eggs could cost \$10 as well as high heating bills. To heat the rectory in Whitehorse costs \$30,000/year and gas in Churchill is \$1.82/litre. Father David Reilander writes that he wishes he could take donors on trips with him to show them all the good their money is being put to in order that the Catholic faith will continue in the far reaches of Canada, the very reason it was founded in 1908. The people are very thankful and appreciate all the help they receive.

Do you or your council donate money to the Catholic Missions in Canada? They also need our prayers. Their staff gathers everyday to pray for the living and deceased donors. The address for

donations: Catholic Missions in Canada
201 – 1155 Yonge St
Toronto ON
M4T 9Z9

Part of the World Health Organization (WHO) definition of palliative care is "provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms, affirms life and regards dying as a normal process, intends neither to hasten or postpone death and integrates the psychological and spiritual aspects of patient care."

The League asks councils and members across the country to call on the power of prayer:

- to ensure that palliative care is available to all Canadians
- that the government recognizes it as an insured health service covered under the Canada Health Act
- the government develops a uniform standard and delivery of palliative care as stated by the WHO

May 4, 2017, is the day set aside for the CWL 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care Week. There is a special article in the Canadian League Winter 2017 on this initiative. The article gives many suggestions that you can choose from. Join councils across Canada in observing May 4, the League's special day of prayer for palliative care.

This concludes my report.
Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Possberg

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Health and Education Report

The past year was very busy with all of us trying to make our voices heard ahead of the passing of Bill-C14 on Assisted Dying and then continued on with palliative care, home care and mental illness issues. We have had some small victories along the way with increased funding for mental health and home care in the last federal budget . As our Christian values continue to be challenged we must fight on for what is right for the most vulnerable in our society.

Last fall a group of terminally ill patients wrote letters to every member of the government asking for “right to try” legislation in Canada.

What is right to try? This legislation would allow terminally ill patients to try drugs and treatments not yet approved in Canada. The patient hopes these drugs might extend their lives or make them more comfortable. There are 32 states in the United States that have “right to try” legislation and since Canada now has “right to die” laws this has come to the forefront in Canada. There are very few drug trials in Canada and Canadians are not generally allowed to participate in these trials in other countries.

A December 2, 2016 article in the Ottawa citizen interviews Jeff Perreaut, a man with ALS, who says ,”” While competent patients facing foreseeable death have the “legal right to die” in Canada, they don’t have the “right to try” something that might prolong their lives.” Jeff argued, “I am going to die anyway. We have the law that allows us to kill ourselves we don’t have the law to do something else.””

“ The idea behind “right to try” seems like a no-brainer. Surely only the hardest of hearts would deny a dying person one last shot at a longer or more comfortable life.” writes Joanne Laucius in the article. We all know that nothing is that cut and dried, there is always another side to the story. She goes on to interview others in the article who are opposed to this idea who cite some of the problems they see that could arise with changes to the current regulations.

In the end both sides want the same thing but systems must be in place to protect patients and industry. This is something to be aware of as I am sure will hear a lot more about this in the future.

A letter from The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops was posted to the C.W.L. national website on April 19 highlighting another serious problem in our society. The letter entitled Canada’s Opioid Crisis and Drug Addiction talks about causes, effects, and what we can do about the high rates of death due to drug abuse in our country. It also touches on the topic of the legalization of marijuana in 2018

Another item recently posted to the website in relation to Earth Day is the Global Catholic Climate Movement, it is a call to action by Pope Francis. We all have a moral responsibility to care for creation and our brothers and sisters in poverty. There are 9 items we can take action on including, help your parish go green, live simply: reduce your carbon footprint, sign a petition against Donald Trump’s anti-climate policies, donate, etc. .

Visit the website and share these letters with your councils, accept the challenge and take action in any way you can as these things affect all of us.

(2) This concludes my report.

Submitted by,

Denise Bachmier

(1) Any business

Saskatoon Diocesan Catholic Women's League Legislation Report

May 1st, 2017

June Gorgchuck Legislation Chair

A quote from Jon Leonetti, "Jesus wants you to help Him in the greatest of adventures, the hard work of saving the world"

In her latest communique, Nancy Simms, National Chairperson of Legislation, asks council members to act upon the issues they are most passionate about. Through letter writing, members become "social justice in actions".

She lists bills related to League policies or resolutions that are before the House of Commons or Senate.

Bill C-37 Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act passed second reading unanimously and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Health for consideration. Encourage letters to support this bill. This bill supports Resolution 2016-04 amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health service.

Bill C- 37 An Act to amend the controlled Drugs and Substance Act and to make related amendments to other acts has passed through the House into the Senate and has been referred to the standing committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. Also, Bill C-324 An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act [production of or trafficking in substances] has had first reading in the House. Both Bills support resolution 2005.07--Illegal Manufacture and Trafficking of Crystal Methamphetamine.

Bill C-226 Impaired Driving Act passed second reading in the House and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. This act would increase the penalty for repeat offenders and includes drugs as well as alcohol.

Bill C-211 *Federal Framework on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Act* would enable governments to work together to develop a comprehensive federal framework for this disorder that affects many in society including those in the military. This bill has gone through second reading in the House and was referred to the Standing Committee on Health. Letters need to be written to members of parliament (MPs), and the ministers of health, national defence and veterans affairs and associate minister of national defence along with the prime minister (PM).

Bill C-262 *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and Bill C-332 *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Reporting Act* have had first reading in the House and support Resolution 2013.01 Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples. Write letters to MPs, the minister of indigenous and northern affairs and the PM.

Bill C-316 *An Act to amend the Canada Revenue Agency Act (organ donors)* has had first reading in the House. This bill would authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to collect information for provincial or territorial organ donation registries and would support Resolution 2011.03 National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Registry. Write letters of support to MPs and the PM.

Bill C-321 *An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (prohibition of asbestos)* and Bill C-329 *An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Act, 1999 (asbestos)* both have

had first reading in the House and both would support Resolution 2010.01 Chrysotile Asbestos. Write letters to MPs, the minister of environment and the PM.

Bill C-336 *Right to Know Act* has had first reading in the House and would prohibit toxic substances, supporting Resolution 2008.03 Toxic Substances in Household Products. Write letters to MPs and the PM.

Did you know that Bill C-11 *An Act to amend the Copyright Act (access to copyrighted works or other subject-matter for persons with perceptual disabilities)* came into force on June 22, 2016? This bill will benefit those with disabilities in the workplace as it will allow for those with perceptual disabilities to access materials in a format they can use without breaking copyright laws and supports Resolution 2002.03 Accessibility of the Workplace for Persons with Disabilities.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us in our adventures of saving the world!

This concludes my report.

June Gorgchuck

Diocesan Legislation Chair

- Any questions

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
Saskatoon Diocesan Council
Resolutions Report
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As we are entering the Easter season as well as enjoying the many signs of Spring, now may be the time to open our hearts and minds to the challenge of creating a resolution. Our National Chairperson of Resolutions Joan Bona recently touched on using the phrase "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!" when we are preparing ourselves to move forward in the resolution process.

ON YOUR MARK – now is time to generate ideas. Please keep in mind that not every resolution is targeted for National level. Some could be local, diocesan or provincial in nature. Once an idea is chosen, check to see if it has already been considered through the Diocesan records, the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* and national/provincial/diocesan websites.

GET SET – Next one needs to put together a plan of action. There are a variety of resources available through both National and Diocesan level. Keep in mind that media (newspapers, television, and magazines) and internet blogs are not always reliable sources but may refer to a study or research. Dig deeper and use government documents/scientific journals.

GO – Now to finalize by using the checklist (taken from the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*). The resolution not only requires the completed checklist but also a completed action plan, properly cited works, and all citations flagged, numbered, and highlighted.

This is a condensed version of what work is involved in the creation of a resolution. I have brochures titled Resolutions Guide with me for any council wishing to have more information regarding resolutions.

Is there a need? My latest communiqué from Rita Hengen Saskatchewan Provincial Resolution Chair suggests that there may be. I am quoting directly from her.

Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Resident Status, an Amendment to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and the accompanying brief outline the issues facing foreign workers hired to work in Canada – the Temporary Foreign Workers (TFW) Program. Members of a Federal Government Standing Committee studying the input of witnesses and written briefs provided recommendations to improve the Program. Changes centred on recruitment requirements, the four-year rule, seasonal industry caps and permanent Resident Status. Further changes will be announced in Budget 2017.

On the provincial level, the article Sask. ill-prepared for immigrants, researchers find (Jonathan Charlton, Leader Post, Feb. 13, 2017, p. A3) points out that since 2005, foreign workers in Saskatchewan increased by 310%, a total of 11,000 TFW. These workers generally are employed in the food, construction or health service industry. They face many obstacles – affordable housing, fear of losing their job and being deported, health care access due to language barrier, workplace injuries, to name a few. ... “Saskatchewan’s *Foreign Worker Immigration Rights and Service Act* allows for investigation into abuse or mistreatment of workers, just three officers and an executive director are responsible for the entire province” ...

How are we doing as a country and a province to help with the settlement of refugees and immigrants? What are members of this Catholic organization doing to help? That means you.

I believe that there are many issues that we as CWL members could address through a resolution. I challenge you to give it a try.

Respectfully submitted,
Edie Lozinsky

CWL Clothing Depot Report

The Catholic Women's League Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is pleased to report that we once again had a very successful year in providing good used clothing and household goods at minimal prices, to the needy in our communities and by so doing have been able to financially support non profit charitable organizations to carry on their good work. Our success continues to be a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our minimal staff, Irene Laroque, Marilyn Sackney, and our manager Bea Megyesi.

Charitable donations for 2016 equaled \$21,500.00. Disbursements are made three times a year, January, May, and September, always with the approval of the Diocesan CWL Executive. The Depot has averaged \$28,750.00 a year in charitable donations over the past four years. The Board strives to disburse the funds in an equitable way rotating among various non-profit charitable organizations.

The Clothing Depot continues to do well even though the amount of donations and the quality of donations has changed significantly over the years. A big thank you goes out to all the Catholic Women's League volunteers who continue to promote donating to the Clothing Depot to their family, friends, and neighbours. This past year, 2016, was our 51st year of operation, and the hope is that we will continue to serve the needs of our community for another 49 years (or more).

The Annual General Meeting for the Clothing Depot was held on March 20th at the Clothing Depot with a record of 38 women in attendance. Elections were held. The new Clothing Depot Board for the 2017 – 2019 term are:

Chair – Pat Fortosky
Past chair – Mary Jacobi
Secretary – Lynn Gorecki
Treasurer – Myriam Wiebe
Public Relations – Dianne Gantner
Communications – Edna Kyrzyk

On April 24, 2017 at 12 noon the Depot ~~will~~^{ad} host our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Smiley's Restaurant on Circle Drive North. Without our many wonderful volunteers we would not be able to continue the good work that the Clothing Depot does. Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jacobi

Clothing Depot Chairperson