

**84<sup>th</sup> Annual Saskatoon Diocesan Convention**

**Of the Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**Saturday May 11, 2019**

- **Hosted by Holy Guardian Angels, Englefeld and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Watson**

**Watson Civic Centre, Watson Sk.**

**Minutes**

**8:15 AM** Registration and refreshments

**9:30 AM** **Welcome** - Maria Strasser, Member, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Watson  
**Presentation of Colours**  
Marching in of Diocesan Executive and Special Guests  
Bag Pipes by Margo de le Gorgendière  
**O Canada** – accompanied by Norma Weber on piano  
**Call to order** - Ingrid Eggerman- Acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 territory, the homeland of the Métis People.  
**Morning prayer** – Audrey Zimmerman, Spiritual Chairperson  
**Acknowledgement of Special guests** - Ingrid Eggerman -

**9:45 AM** **Greetings**  
**Pat Gaetz and Alice Radoux** Convention co-chairpersons  
**Rev Father Francis Akomeah** – Spiritual Advisor of Watson and Englefeld  
**Norma Weber**- Mayor of Watson  
**Lani Best** on behalf of **Darryl Athmer**- Mayor of Englefeld  
**Knights of Columbus\_ - St Paul's Council #5850, Watson**- Milt Kerpan  
**Cathay Wagantall** – Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville  
**Todd Goudy** – Member of Legislature, Melfort Constituency  
**Margaret Henderson**- Anglican Church Women  
**Roxanne Bagnall**- United Church Women  
**Helen Kayfish**- Prince Albert Diocesan President  
**Yvonne Bachelu** - Regina Diocesan President

**10:30 AM** **Call to Convention**  
**Parliamentarian** – Life Member Tillie Aessie

**Motion:** That the League follows Roberts Rules as printed and, table, moved by\_Yvonne Colleaux, St Mary, Saskatoon seconder June Gorgchuk, St Peter the Apostle, Saskatoon Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of 2018 Convention as printed and circulated.  
Moved by Audrey Zimmerman, Holy guardian Angels, Englefeld  
seconder Flaviana Rodulfa-Loken, St Patrick, Saskatoon Carried

**Motion:** That the agenda for the business sessions of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention be accepted.

Moved by Mary Kehrig Cathedral of the Holy Family  
seconder Andrea Galleta Holy Spirit Saskatoon Carried

**Roll Call** - Susan Melchiorre - Diocesan Recording Secretary -  
Present – 23 of 42 Councils, 1 Honorary Life Member and two Life Members

**Correspondence** - Susan Melchiorre - Diocesan Corresponding Secretary  
**Card of regrets and best wishes for convention from Honorary Life Member Heather Kolla**

**Saskatoon Diocesan President's Greetings and Report-** Ingrid Eggerman - attached

**Saskatchewan Provincial President's Greetings and Report-** Margaret Schwab

**10:45 AM**      **Stretch break**

**11:00 AM**      **Jim Anderson – Making a Home in The Word** – based on John 8, 31-32  
**Introduction** – Edna Hodgson    **Appreciation** – June Gorgchuck

Jim Anderson, Director of St Therese School of Faith and Mission along with two students. Dominique and Kathy. Jim spoke to us on being a disciple of Christ in the care of our common home.

**12:00 PM**      **Grace-**Rev Father Francis Akomeah

**Spiritual Advisors meeting** - Conference Room

**12:55 PM**      **Prayer to Reconvene-** Audrey Zimmerman

**1:00 pm**      **Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Message** and meeting report,  
Foundation report and updates - Claire Heron  
- We were asked to continue supporting the Foundation and three women from Saskatchewan were accepted for this next two-year cohort.

Moved by Connie Crichton, St Mary, Saskatoon    seconder Flaviana Rodulfa-Loken St Patrick, Saskatoon    Carried

**1:10 pm**      **Financial report-** Connie Crichton - Diocesan Treasurer - **attached**

**Standing Committee reports - attached**

1. Organization- Edna Hodgson -
2. Spiritual Development- Audrey Zimmerman
3. Christian Family Life- Flaviana Rodulfa-Loken
4. Communications- Paula Haubrich – no report received

5. Community Life- June Gorgchuck
6. Legislation- Margo de le Gorgendière
7. Resolutions- Margo de la Gorgendière  
Cathedral of the HOLY Family gifted us with a resolution (attached) The resolution was passed and will be forwarded to the Saskatchewan Provincial Council for presentation at the annual meeting.

Moved by Marie Hartz seconder Irene Schneider both of Cathedral of the Holy Family Carried

8. Health and Education- Mary Kehrig
9. Past President/Archives- Marlene VanDressar
10. Our Lady of Grace -Arlene Rey
11. CWL Clothing Depot- Marlene Kuch

**2:00 PM Key Note speaker- His Grace Bishop Mark Hagemoen, "Care of Our Common Home"**  
**Introduction-** Mary Kehrig **Appreciation-** Margo de le Gorgendière

Bishop Mark referred to Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si". Reminding us that we must take care of the creation God has gifted to us. Including the blessing of the land and the wilderness and also about our being and to be healthy in mind and body. He noted how climate change is affecting us particularly at both the north and south poles. He saw much evidence of this when he was a bishop in northern Canada. The League is very aware of these issues with our theme of caring for our common home. We will be very relevant in our actions and must have a dialogue on the environment.

**3:00 PM** Stretch break

**3:15 PM Instructed Vote – on increasing the provincial fees was passed**

**3:30 PM** Presentation of Bellelle Guerin Award – was presented to Dorothy Rollheiser of St Theresa Council Rosetown and it was announced that it had been previously presented to Lois Weber of St James Council, Wilkie

**3:45 PM** Today's Mass Collections proceeds will go to the Lodge foundation and **Norma Weber** – spoke on Lodge Foundation

**3:50 PM** Convention Registration report- **Beatrice Wacholz – total attendance was 146 attendees**

Invitation to Diocesan Convention 2020 – will be held at Holy Spirit Church, Saskatoon on Monday, April, 27, 2020 hosted by Our Lady of Grace Region, Saskatoon.

Retiring of Colours/ God Save the Queen

President Ingrid Eggerman adjourned the convention

**4:30 PM Eucharistic Celebration** at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Watson

Very Rev Bishop Mark Hagemoen- Celebrant/Homilist and concelebrants, all attending priests.

**Reaffirmation** of Diocesan Executive - Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Claire Heron and Retired Past Diocesan President Margaret Schwab.

**6:00 PM** Convention Banquet- Watson Civic Centre catered by Watson Community Club

## Reports

Presidents Report for Saskatoon Diocesan Convention  
May 11, 2019 Watson Sk.

My first year as your Diocesan president has gone by very quickly and has been a large learning curve for me. I am very thankful to have the guidance of my executive council and past presidents. I joined the Catholic Women's League almost 35 years ago. I did not have the goal of being up here representing you as your president. Thru our Lady of Good Council, thru The Grace of God and the Holy Spirit and thru some very persuasive members I am here today as your president.

As a diocesan Council we are here to serve you. We have numerous workshops available on the National web page, including workshops on Euthanasia and assisted suicide, Legislation and Resolutions, Community Life and Social teaching, trafficking of women and children, Mary and the Eucharist, One in the Spirit and numerous others, including a new workshop coming soon with our new theme, 'Care of Our Common Home.'" Please invite us to come to region and to your parish to present a workshop to you. We would love to see every region host a workshop in this coming year. Please call me for the available dates.

Many of our Councils are celebrating anniversaries this year including:

Our Lady of Fatima – Landis -70 years  
St Theresa – Lintlaw - 70 years  
St John Bosco – Saskatoon – 60 years  
Little Flower – Leader – 60 years  
St Philip Neri – Saskatoon – 60 years  
St James - Wilkie – 75 years  
St Anastasia – Perigord – 70 years  
St Andrew – Kenaston – 60 years  
Sacred Heart – Davidson – 65 years  
Immaculate Heart of Mary – Outlook – 65 years  
St Mary's – Wynyard – 55 years

That adds up to a lot of years as service to our parishes and communities. Congratulations. Please invite me for your Celebration, I would love to come and celebrate with you and I will bring you a certificate signed by our National president.

Parish presidents: Thank you for your commitment, you have a huge responsibility. There is nothing more important than what happens at the parish level. We have almost 80,000 members across Canada that believe part of their role in the church fosters, supports and provides leadership in parishes and communities at large. We need to ensure that this organization remains viable after the centenary of 2020 is upon us.

Our Saskatoon Diocesan council has been busy bringing in informative and spiritual speakers. Please try to attend our Fall and Spring meetings. Our Fall meeting will be held at Holy Spirit in Saskatoon on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We had Jaqueline Saretsky, Catholic hospital chaplaincy co-ordinator, as a guest speaker at our last September meeting. If she is speaking in your area, please make sure you attend. She is a promoter of the Dying Healed seminars. This seminar consists of usually two evenings and will help you to become experienced on human dignity through sincere outreach. I have heard of numerous CWL taking advantage of and sharing this program in their parishes.

As you all know Euthanasia Law is here to stay. I would like to encourage all councils to get a copy of Fatal Flaws to show in your parish or at your meetings. And thank you to the many councils that have already been showing this video in their parishes. It is available through The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, and probably at our National Convention in Calgary.

We have a new initiative to work on from National. It is the HUG program, which is the support of women and children who seek refuge in shelters. Hug stands for Helping, understanding and giving. We have numerous councils getting their items together for their donations to the women and children who are in our shelters in Saskatchewan. You will find an information sheet in your convention envelope.

Pornography hurts postcards are still available online on the National web page. Please continue to send the postcards to your Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Justice, members of Parliament and members of the legislative assembly.

As you know or may have heard the focus for the theme, "Care for Our Common Home," is water. You have received a challenge pledge form in your envelopes on how you pledge to conserve water at home. Please fill out the forms and submit them to National Office by June 30, 2019.

Thank you to everyone who participated again this year in the 12 hours of prayer for Palliative care. Let's think if we added up all of the hours of prayer across Canada from all of our members, it would be a tremendous number. We all believe in the power of Prayer. Thank you to all of you that have participated in this powerful way. Your prayers are so important please continue your prayers.

As you know we will be having our National Convention in Calgary in August of this year. You will find the details in your League Magazine. There is still time to register and attend. A memo was sent out to anyone who would be interested in taking a bus to Calgary. Unfortunately, we were not able to fill the bus. We will be renting a van leaving from Saskatoon for anyone interested in travelling with us. Margo de le Gorgendière has volunteered to drive the van since she is very familiar with Calgary. For anyone who would be interested please contact Margo or myself, ASAP. After we have the numbers, we will be able to determine the price for each person.

You have been given a memo in your registration bag on a Women's retreat being held at St Therese on October 18-20. This retreat has been approved by Bishop Mark and speakers will include Angele Regnier, founder of CCO, Heather Khym, Speaker and worship leader with 20 years of experience, Christy Dupuis, Leah Perrault, and Janelle Yasinski wife of Ken Yasinski and mother of 5 children. More information will be sent to your council presidents as it becomes available. Please consider attending and being a part of this retreat. As your spirituality grows you will be able to inspire others on their spiritual journey thru the CWL.

I was able to listen to a few speakers on EWTN from the March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday. Many of you will be familiar with Abby Johnson, A former planned parenthood abortion worker, now working for Pro Life. The new movie called, "Unplanned" features the story of her journey from an abortion provider to a Pro Life advocate. It is being shown the US and will be showing very soon in Canada. You won't want to miss it. Abby had a very powerful message in Ottawa. She said, Young people are our future, Time for the Nation and the world to know Freedom in the name of Jesus. "With a radical Christian Conversion in our churches we can be the hands and feet of Christ every single day. Let us stand up for our Christian values. Conversion is possible for all! Pray for those who are misguided and do it with boldness. As St John Paul II said, "Be Not afraid". So please everyone make sure you share the message of The Catholic Women's League with every woman you know.

This concludes my report

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Organization Oral Report

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2018 proved to be a year filled with challenges. We continue to be challenged by technology and so experienced some growing pains - our on-line reports are one example. Of 46 councils, just 21 councils gave a report for Organization.

We continue to be challenged to attract new women to the Catholic Women's League. Overall, we had a slight decrease in memberships. As women, our time is stretched between family and community.

The primary focus of the Catholic Women's League has been and remains faith formation for our membership. As our National CWL council creates new strategies, we can remain hopeful that our organization will reinvent itself so as to prosper into the next 100 years. We need to examine at a local council level, what can we do to remain relevant in our parish and in our community? How do we need to change as our membership ages? Our elder years are to be years of prayer. How can we demonstrate to our younger members that the Catholic faith is more important than ever? Taking part in adult faith

formation classes, bible studies, learning our Catholic faith, and reading our Holy Father's encyclicals, are ways of enriching our life experience. From these teachings flows action.

What actions do we choose to do at the local council level? How can we support one another in the organization? By speaking kindly, being supportive, be willing to try new ideas, listen to the voices of our new members, accept change gracefully, but be true to the church's teachings and sacred tradition. Don't be discouraged!

We are examples to our younger women.

Leadership – we all have it. It sometimes takes time and effort to nurture. Leadership means stepping outside your comfort zone. I have known women who were unsure to take on the role of President. Once they did, and with support from others, became effective public speakers. Those of us who have served as council President need to provide support and direction to those who are unsure. We are to be mentors. The best leader leads by example, encourages and most importantly, knows how to delegate. When you allow other members to take on responsibilities, they discover skills they did not think they had. Sometimes we need to do a little digging to discover treasures that have been there all along.

Be not afraid to go out into the deep!

This concludes my report.

## **SASKATOON SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT AUDREY ZIMMERMAN**

Easter greetings to you all!

As Spiritual Development conveners we are asked to provide spiritual programming at our regular meetings. That is to take about one third of the time allotted for a meeting to spend on spiritual pursuits. The Catholic Women's League of Canada wants their members to be spiritually fed. I implore you to meet the one third meeting time to improve and embellish the spiritual lives of your members.

I would like you to check the Book of Life and let me know of any mistakes or if there are changes to be made. Sometimes I have difficulty determining which St. Mary lost a member. So please check the Book of Life and write down any mistakes that you find and give them to me. Thank you.

Mathew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic opened my heart to something that I want to share with you. Is holiness possible for me or for you? Yes, it is. You can create a Holy Moment in your life. It is a moment when you set aside self-interest, self-will, putting what you want to do aside and choose to do what you feel God is calling you to do at that moment and do it. That's it. That's a Holy Moment. You can have one holy moment and choose to create more and more holy moments every day, there are no limits to holy moments. Through these holy moments your relationship with God will improve dramatically because that is what He wants, a relationship with you and through you, through all of us

He desires to make this world a better place. Putting our needs first gains us very little but putting God's needs first can transform our lives. Many of you will know what waves of grief feel like, now imagine what the waves of God's infinite love and mercy feel like. This is what our lives and churches need to lift us out of all the chaos and vicious attacks on our places of worship. Please try this in your life you won't regret it. You may never think that you are holy but it is within your grasp to attain.

I encourage you to start planning your summer around the pilgrimage in your area. So often we try to fit it in to whatever we are doing instead of making the pilgrimage our destination.

Some coming events to be aware of are the St. Therese Institute Commissioning mass on Saturday May 18 at 2:00 pm. If you have never experienced this I highly recommend attending. It is so heartwarming to see all of these young people commissioned to go out into the world to live their faith in "The Little Way".

Saturday June 1 the Ursuline's of Prelate will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with mass at The Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon at 12:45 followed by a reception.

A Solo Parent workshop will be held at St. Mary's in Saskatoon on June 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please check the diocese website and the St. Therese website for more information.

This concludes my report.

Audrey Zimmerman

## **Christian Family Life**

**April, 2019**

Once a year the Church in Canada sets aside a week to celebrate and reflect upon God's great gifts of life and family. *Jesus tells us in John's Gospel that he desires for us to have an abundant life (Jn 10:10).* The fullness of life we are to experience is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Father's loving plan for humanity, families are called to share in and be a sign of his life-giving presence. **This year's Week for Life and the Family will be observed from May 12 to May 19, with the theme, "Listening to the Gospel as a Family".**

Great Catholic families: Make Sunday Mass the Centre of their week; Give thanks (at meals...to each other!); Simply Give; Let their Lights Shine; Fight Fair; Make mistakes; Forgive each other (a lot!), Remember Rituals (**Traditions are so important**); Listen for Holy Moments; Practice lifelong loving.

Parents are called by their vocation to marriage to raise their children well. They need to be leaders, a good leader in their family (and this is not easy nowadays). As a parent/grandparent we need to see the potential that each child have, and we need to nurture it and develop it. Children



are sent by God, we need to take care, support and raised them well on the best of our knowledge. Parents must be concerned about the education of their children, both human and spiritual

**The following are some examples of challenges of raising children nowadays:**

- 1) Crazy family schedules with work/family activities. Some parents work 2-3 jobs to cope with their financial material needs.
- 2) Children are expose to peer pressure and the influence of their friends.
- 3) Media (and all the messages that bombard them); Social media-Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- 4) Anti-Christian (especially Anti-Catholic!) prejudices in society;
- 5) Catholic schools are under attack across the country from secular organization.

With these challenges, it's not easy to raise children well. At times, it's even overwhelming because as parents they do their best, but might lack resources: good advice & good role models and time (maybe grandparents can help out on this).

**Here are some examples how to help children become closer to God**

- 1) Teach them to pray - having a real, loving relationship with God;  
Even at a young age, they can understand: "It makes Jesus sad when you're mean to your brother."
- 2) Teach them the importance of going to the sacraments. Take them to confession, show to them, that nobody is perfect, and we need to ask Jesus Christ for forgiveness, so that we can start fresh again.
- 3) Teach them that God gave them each a Guardian Angel to protect them. Give their Guardian Angel a name.
- 4) Teach them that God created them with a plan just for them, and that He's counting on them to do great things.
- 5) Teach them that they need to develop the talents that God gave them in order to reach their full potential and serve others!
- 6) Teach them that everyone has to live with a pure heart no matter what their vocation is. Chastity is a virtue that must be lived by all, in different ways according to our state in life.
- 7) Teach them how to be generous, that selfishness brings sadness, not joy.

**Parents need to be praying for their spouse, children and grandchildren(if they have one) every day, asking. Asking God to send His Angels and Saints for help, guidance, and protection.**

This conclude my report.

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Flaviana Rodulfa-Loken

## **COMMUNITY LIFE REPORT      May 2019**

In her report in the Spring issue of the League Magazine, Marie Rackley reports that “Canada lacks in the resources to help those in great need of shelter and food. Thanks to communities and volunteers for food banks and soup kitchens that serve thousands of Canadians every day, offering a hot meal and shelter to keep the homeless out of the earthly elements for the night”. She also tells us “that Pope Francis reminds us to listen to the cries of the poor and asks us “Are we really listening?” In order to help those who are suffering and respond with love, we must learn to be silent and listen. We must hear what they have to say. Love must be the key to reach out and comfort”.

It is difficult to take that first step to welcome someone who has let themselves deteriorate, but we must remember we are serving God and we are all children of God.

There are many ways to help the poor and homeless. Many organizations want and need volunteers and donations. Also remember that the elderly, the lonely, and sick in our communities also need attention. A phone call, a visit over a cup of tea, or a chance to say the rosary with someone. is very much appreciated and needed.

Marie Rackley states, “many times when we are silent that is when God makes His visit and talks to us. Listen to the words that God speaks as He will guide you on the journey to serve His people. We know what is needed to help, but first we need to listen to hear what they need to help, but first we must listen to hear what they need.

This concludes my report.

June Gorgchuck

Diocesan Chairperson of Community Life

## **Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee Saskatoon Diocesan Convention Report**

**May 11 2019**

What is Truth? Pilates’ question to Jesus has always struck a chord with me. Now more than ever it seems there is no such thing as “the truth” but only “my truth.” One cannot trust what one sees because, for instance, whether one is male or female or both or neither is a matter of personal choice. Even one’s age could become a matter of choice if a Finnish bioethicist and doctoral research fellow’s arguments become mainstream. Lucky for us, we catholic women know there really is truth. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and Life (Jn 14:6). Our membership in the CWL calls us to speak truth in the public square through the newly drafted Core Purpose which states: “Uniting Catholic women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world.” Resolutions are one way we have to fulfill this core purpose and speak the truth in the public square. In the Saskatoon Diocese, our councils are good at keeping track of existing resolutions and being aware of a variety of issues. However, we are not so good at creating resolutions. The biggest obstacle is that the procedure is too complicated. In Communique #2, Resolutions National Chairperson, Cathy Bouchard, outlines changes to the resolutions process. The gist of the changes is to allow parish councils to focus on the topic of the resolution and use a committee of experienced members at the diocesan and provincial levels to assist in writing and preparing the resolution. I encourage individual members and parish CWL councils to bring forward topics that may become subjects of

resolutions. I know there is the passion in the diocese to promote social justice. One such topic that came to mind as I was writing this report is to encourage the Government of Saskatchewan and First Nations governments to work together for the good of Indigenous children in care. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis asks us to respect the rights of peoples and cultures, to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions (144, 146). This brings me to our theme - Care of Our Common Home. There are several federal bills, C-57, C-69, the Carbon Tax, which have controversy swirling around them. I have been pondering the merits of Bill C-69 and have no answers yet. However, I cannot help but think as I am stopped at a level crossing while a kilometre of oil tanker cars rolls past, that not building pipelines is not the right way. Why can't construction of pipelines respect the land and water and indigenous rights? Why can't it destroy only what is necessary for construction? Why can't corporate culture in pipeline operators emphasize the need for vigilance and the serious nature of monitoring for the ongoing safety of the pipeline? As for the Carbon tax, we can hate it, but we should and must act out of respect for our common home and reduce the impact we have as individuals on our green house gas emissions. To quote Anne Marie Bonneau who is speaking in a somewhat different but applicable context: "We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly." We can do many things in terms of sustainable development. The draft of the 2019 to 2022 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy, contains many suggestions of the kind of action one can take. Here are a few: take public transit; make your voice heard by participating in town halls, round tables and surveys about municipal infrastructure and public transit improvements; conserve water; properly dispose of harmful substances such as paints and oils; reduce food waste by buying only what you need; prevent the spread of invasive alien species; do not throw cigarette butts out the car window or into planters.

This concludes my report.

Margot de la Gorgendière

### **Resolution - Regulating and Enforcing Safety in the Commercial Trucking Industry**

WHEREAS, The Humboldt Broncos tragedy with its destruction, loss of lives, and serious injuries due to the negligence of a commercial truck driver revealed many issues with safety in the trucking industry, be it

RESOLVED, that the Cathedral of the Holy Family Parish Council of the Catholic Women's League(CWL) of Canada through the Saskatoon Diocesan Council of the CWL of Canada, urge the Government of Canada, in conjunction with provincial governments and the trucking industry, to establish regulations for the use and monitoring of electronic logging devices, and for the enforcement of these regulations for the commercial trucking industry.

For the Education and Health, 612 responded to questionnaire in Saskatchewan with 14 Diocesan councils responding in Saskatoon and 2 vacant in the position. There is a great awareness of Catholic religious instruction in schools and parish. Members are to be commended for meeting needs of community and various national organizations according to their time and talents. We are doing God's work!

The Spiritual Adoption Program was created by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to encourage women to pray for babies in danger of abortion; it increases awareness of pre-born child development; and to provide mom's in need with assistance in the form of receiving baby items.

Starting in September each CWL member names her spiritual baby by writing it on a group chart. Each month from posters the progressive development before birth is noted. Monthly, members pray: "Jesus, we present with humility and love these unborn children, especially (Chosen Name) for your care. We pray that each unborn baby we have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion is spared by your loving kindness and concern. We pray that the parents are touched by the love and compassion of the Holy Spirit and each family receives God's guidance and love. Amen."

In June, a mass is followed by a baby shower of games, songs and snacks. Baby items are collected and delivered to the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, a charitable Christian organization committed to provide loving support and guidance to women and families who experience an unplanned pregnancy.

To enjoy nature, outdoor adventure, camping and enhance spiritual enrichment, promote Blackstrap Camp, south of Saskatoon. Junior (9-14 years) youth with senior leaders and camp counsellors have week-long camps during July and August. Every spring the Knights of Columbus have work bees to upkeep maintenance and facilities. Youth away from home for a week develop maturity, independence and increase life skills which prepare them for the future.

Other area camps you may wish to donate funds for camp or sponsor youth are Easter Seals Camp in Watrous for special needs or John Bosco Camp at Zen Lake in the North.

Continue to spread God's Love.

This concludes my report

Mary Kehrig

**Saskatoon Diocesan CWL 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Past-President/Archive Report, Saturday, May 11,2019**

Sometimes, there are things that need to be repeated even though we have heard them all before;

This is what needs to be preserved in secure professional archival sites:

- Annual reports
- Award Certificates used for local presentation with a list of honourees
- Briefs and Consultation presentations on local issues of importance
- Letters(copies) of significance to your Council: from Bishops, high government officials, members of importance and significant communications with other groups
- Minutes
- Promotional leaflets or study kits of merit
- Resolutions for local governments
- Written histories of your Council

All other info can be kept in your Council files.

Another job of past-president is to encourage members to keep up the good work etc.

We all dislike change, but over the years we have heard that message of going out to the edges of our comfort zone, of being stretched to reach further, then came Strategic Planning and we, at the grass roots all said yes we want things to change; so now here we are, a work in process, challenged to accept that change is the way of Transformation; Transformation is making something new out of the old. Let's look around us at nature that was dead last fall; right now you see the Action of Change; something new is being born or created, as the trees and flowers are budding, the grass is greening, animals are birthing, birds are hatching; our prairies are alive with renewal and we see this every spring; yes it is the same, but it is new and fresh and humming with the newness of life; that is what is happening right now in the Catholic Women's League of Canada; Yes, the winds of change are blowing and if we just allow the old to die, we will be amazed at the renewed life, vigor and enthusiasm that will be born. So I want to encourage all of you, my CWL sisters to welcome the changes and grow through them to something exciting and bursting with life.

This concludes my report

Marlene VanDresar

Past-Pres/Archives

## **OUR LADY OF GRACE REGION REPORT**

**May 2019**

The Feast of the Lady of Good Counsel Celebration was hosted by the St. John Bosco CWL on April 26, 2019. Father Marvin Lishchynsky officiated the mass. Approximately 55-60 people attended the mass and potluck. The evening was a sharing of prayers, bountiful food and desserts as well as much merriment. We were entertained by the St. John Bosco Ukaldies and they were especially delighted to play an encore!

I had the opportunity to be a CWL Honour Guard at the Chrism Mass on April 15, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

The Twilight Retreat at Queens House is booked for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Sister Judy will do a presentation on the theme of Our Common Home. It will be about an hour followed by refreshments in the cafeteria.

I have been the Lady of Grace for the Saskatoon Region for the last two years. It has been a pleasure and an honour as well as a time of learning and challenges. I have met so many wonderful people! There have been many opportunities to pray and act with grace, patience and understanding. Blessings to everyone who has helped me along the way! I have enjoyed meeting the women in the Saskatoon CWL councils as well as throughout the Saskatoon Diocese.

One thing I have noticed is that women generally go about their days quietly doing what needs to be done to serve the needs of their family, church and community. That light is dim yet burning steady. It is okay to let that light shine brightly because you act with love, mercy and grace imitating our League's patroness of the Lady of Good Counsel.

Blessings on your days!

This concludes my report.

Arlene Rey, Chairperson

Our Lady of Grace Saskatoon Regional

## **CWL Clothing Depot Report to Saskatoon Diocesan Council**

**April 2019**

The Catholic Women's League Clothing Depot has had another successful year in 2018. Our mission is to provide good used clothing and household articles at a nominal cost to the needy in our community. Profits above and beyond the operation of the Depot are disbursed to non-profit charitable organizations.

Charitable donations for 2018 totalled 43,000 dollars.

Our mandate is no one in need is refused assistance due to lack of funds. Four hundred and twenty-eight individuals were provided assistance at no cost to them. Examples would be the homeless needing clothes or blankets and refugees and fire victims in need of kitchen items, towels and sheets.

Our success is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our manager and part time staff. Bea Megyesi is an inspiration to all she serves, and to our valuable volunteers whose time worked was 6052 hours during 2018.

Communications included information posted to the CWL Provincial website about the Depot. Pictures were included. Thank you cards were made for the truck driver to leave at people's houses when he picks up donations.

We have given previous donations to Catholic Missions in Canada, and Father David Reilander called to thank us. He requested pictures and a 1000-word report describing the Clothing Depot. Watch for an article about us in the Catholic Missions magazine.

On April 29, 2019, we hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Smiley's. Without our dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to continue the good work of the Clothing Depot. Thanks also to all Councils who promote Clothing Drives, and encourage donations from their parishes, families, and friends. We have been in operation for 53 years, and with your support, our vital mission will continue to 100!

Respectfully submitted

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CWL Clothing Depot Chairperson