

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
Saskatoon Diocesan Council**

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**To: Saskatoon Diocese Parish Communications Chairpersons
Saskatoon Diocese Parish Council Presidents
Saskatoon Diocesan Council President
Saskatoon Diocesan Council Corresponding Secretary
Provincial Communications Chairperson**

From: Paula Haubrich, Saskatoon Diocesan Chairperson of Communications

Welcome to a new year of CWL, and a new face on Diocesan. My name is Paula Haubrich, and I live in Kindersley with my family. I am the President of our local CWL after listening to God's call to be more active in the Catholic Women's League after the diocesan convention in Kindersley on April 23. I also enjoyed attending the Provincial convention in June, and will be attending the National convention in Winnipeg in August to complete my full picture of the CWL as I am a quite new active participant and been a member for only 4 years. I am passionate about communications, and excited and motivated by change, so I will work hard to motivate and challenge you to try some new things and be bold and think outside the box when it comes to communications in your councils.

An important and timely note is that they will be live streaming the national convention in Winnipeg, including the keynote address of Archbishop Murray Chatlain (Keewatin-Le Pas) on the topic **Listen Slowly: Women Guided by the Spirit**. The telecast will be available via a link on the national website on **Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 12:45-3:15 p.m.** Please tune in to this presentation and invite other members to do so as well at cwl.ca.

An exciting upcoming change to one of our main communication tools, the national website, is planned to be launched in early August sometime. The update and revamp of the website will allow for easier navigation on hand-held devices, so it will now be much easier to navigate from mobile phones and tablets.

It was sad for many to see *The Prairie Messenger* close their doors in May 2018, but another great option for Catholic News is *The Catholic Register*. You can subscribe to either the print or digital (or both), and also follow The Catholic Register page on Facebook (facebook.com/thecatholicregister), and see their headlines pop up daily as a reminder to go and read more on the website. If you were a Prairie Messenger subscriber, you are eligible for 2 free print copies. To order, you can call (855) 441-4077, ext. 404 or for more information visit catholicregister.org. Be sure to share and discuss any content you find interesting at your meetings and share this subscription opportunity with others.

Here are a few titles and words from articles in the July 22-29, 2018 edition:

- *Bringing the Mass to the Masses*: Looking at unusual places across Canada in which mass is being brought to the people.
- *Nuns fight back against false news*: Missionaries of Charity say order is not involved in child trafficking.
- *Five more businesses join attestation fight*: Federal government now faces five federal court legal challenges by private businesses against the Canada summer jobs pro-abortion attestation requirement.
- *Ontario sex-ed curriculum back on drawing board*: The repeal of Ontario's controversial sex education curriculum by the new government had elicited reactions ranging from jubilation to gloom among Catholic education stakeholders.
- *New Canadians are keeping the faith alive*: Immigrants are driving the bus for almost every faith community in Canada, but none more-so than Catholics
- *Standing on Guard for Life*: Fr. Tony VanHee has maintained his abortion protest on parliament Hill for nearly 30 years.
- *Forgiveness is the greatest miracle*: Fr. Ron Rolheiser states nothing falls outside the scope of God's power to forgive, to resurrect and make new, fresh, innocent and joyful again.

I will be sure to update on all of the technology and tools that can be used to recruit and inform members. I encourage all councils to try something new and outside of their comfort zone when it comes to technology and try out a new tool or visit a new website. One example might be to make a Facebook Group to connect your members on Facebook, and/or create Facebook Events that can be used to remind and encourage participation and attendance at monthly meetings or other events. Change and trying new things is uncomfortable at first, but it will open up more opportunity to connect in community with Catholic women, and that should excite and motivate you.

Blessings to all. Looking forward to many more communications with you.