

**Saskatoon Diocesan Council Communications Communique #1**  
**Connie McGrath, Communications Chairperson, January, 2020**

Welcome to 2020, a very special year for the CWL organization! As Chairpersons of Communications I encourage you to use emails and the church bulletins to communicate important info to Catholic women. Informed, involved members strengthen and enrich our CWL sisterly bonds so please pass this information on to your members:

1. CWL is 100 years old in 2020! Three years ago a steering committee at the national level was formed to examine the League, and make recommendations to ensure the League would remain strong, relevant, and valuable for the next 100 years. In August 2018, a **five-year strategic plan** was unveiled which tweaks and streamlines the organisation. The 9 standing committees meld into 3 Pillars: Faith; Service; Social Justice. This will be further explained at (Our Lady of Grace region) **WORKSHOP at Holy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon, on February 29, at 10 a.m.** Encourage your members to attend!
  - a. Follow the progress at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) — Implementation of Strategic Plan (<https://cwl.ca/implementation-of-the-strategic-plan/>). Updates posted at beginning of month.
  - b. Check the website for an opportunity to contribute. Sometimes the committee posts requests for members to take part in surveys or be part of a focus group.
  - c. The strategic plan is also explained on Facebook, Twitter, and the Canadian League magazine (winter and spring issue).
2. Pray the **CWL Prayer for Renewal** at your meetings and events. We ask members to be enthusiastic and positive about the changes coming, to be open to doing things a bit differently, and to pray for success. We trust more Catholic women will see value in belonging to the largest organization of women in Canada.
3. **Winter Gathering** is at Holy Family Cathedral, Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. Guest speaker is Albert Brown, Director of Justice Programs and Saskatoon Community Services. Our handbook says pornography leaves in its wake broken marriages, estranged and molested children, shattered young people, and deteriorating neighbourhoods. He says the amount of pornography is shocking. CWL members should become aware of its effects on children and families. Encourage members to attend.
4. National CWL Website — On the Spot (<https://cwl.ca/category/on-the-spot/>): Check out what is happening across Canada. Get ideas for projects for your council. Also ideas at the Saskatoon Diocese webpage (<http://www.cwlsk.ca/pages/dio-saskatoon.html>).