Saskatoon Diocesan Council Communications Communique #2 Connie McGrath, Communications chairperson, March, 2020

As your Diocesan Chairperson of Communications, I am sending you information that I would ask you to pass on to your CWL members:

- 1. **Reports** of the February 1st Winter Gathering and February 29th Workshop are online at news.rcdos.ca (Search: CWL). Share the info with members who could not attend.
- Implementation Committee Update: Go to Implementation of Strategic Plan (<u>https://cwl.ca/implementation-of-the-strategic-plan/</u>). There are monthly updates and often an opportunity to get involved. They want as much input as possible and Saskatchewan is under-represented so encourage members to take part in the working groups.
- 3. Encourage members to go to <u>cwlsk.ca</u> to keep informed of what is happening in Saskatchewan. Councils are encouraged to submit photos and explanations of interesting council activities to Marge Appell at <u>provCWLcommunications@gmail.com</u>. Follow guidelines to submit.
- 4. Only 15 of 43 Communication annual reports were submitted. Some mentioned computer technology was a problem but the demographics indicated 3 chairpersons submitting were over 75. A helpful suggestion would be to connect with computer savvy members or friends. Also, a meeting devoted to accessing the cwl.ca website and perusing the menu items would be time well spent. Adding tea and cookies to the event would make for an entertaining and informative gathering.
- 5. National office requires names and contact info for all provincial and diocesan executive members. Parish councils must submit name and contact info for president, treasurer, spiritual advisor and membership person. Email: <u>info@cwl.ca</u> or use the online membership process. Please keep this info up-to-date.
- 6. National office has found a problem with **mailings.** Whoever gets the mailings should pass it on to current president ASAP and the president should separate the info and pass it on to respective chairpersons. They, in turn, make a report to the members at next meeting. All are encouraged to make communicating info with members a priority.
- Only 20% of annual reports indicated that they access On the Spot (<u>https://cwl.ca/category/on-the-spot/</u>) on the <u>cwl.ca</u> website. Councils from across Canada submit a picture and brief explanation of a successful event/activity. On the Spot is an excellent resource for ideas to keep your council active. Encourage your members to use it. Or access it at a meeting and discuss it.
- 8. Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel: Sunday, April 26, the League is sponsoring a mass for its 100th anniversary for members, deceased members and spiritual advisors, televised by *Daily TV Mass*.
- 9. May 24, the Sunday before Pentecost, is the 54th World Day of Social Communications. Pope Francis has chosen 'So that you can tell your son and grandson'. Life creates history. As communicators, it is our job to inform our CWL "team".