

Diocesan President's New Year's Message  
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Happy New Year to all councils and members of the Saskatoon Diocese!

How exciting it is to embark on a New Year and the 100 Year Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) in Canada. A lot has been accomplished in the last 100 years and we have so much more to do in the next 100 years. We have been blessed by all of the work and efforts of the women that have gone before us. What a pleasure it is to be a part of this sisterhood of Faith and Spirituality. Each one of us has added to our Church, our communities and our families by giving of ourselves and by using our gifts. Please continue the good works!

In the words of our National Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Steven Jenson, "On behalf of The Bishops of Canada, I express appreciation for The League's solidarity with us in promoting the life of Faith and service in the Parish communities." The League's initiative to address issues affecting everyone in Canada has strengthened the Church's witness and has changed many lives for the better."

Please take these words to heart, and as we move into the New Year and the new Strategic plan of CWL. Let's come up with new ways in our councils to personally invite a great influx of new members, keeping in mind our Provincial theme of, "Inclusion", that Provincial President Chantal Divine has implemented.

Annual Reports: Please note, the deadline for on line annual reports is January 15<sup>th</sup>. It is the duty of the Organization Chairperson to ensure the annual reports are sent in. Fran Lucas, National Chairperson of Organization has stated, "The goal this year is for a better participation rate that last year. National and Provincial offices are anxious to hear about all of the good works of the League that have happened in 2019.

2020 Conventions: Planning is well underway for the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention, to be held in Saskatoon at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, on April 27, 2020. Let's make this the best turnout ever for our Convention and National 100 Anniversary. Registration and information will be sent out late February or early March.

The Provincial convention will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert May 31, and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Look for information, on the web site and in the next League magazine for the 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention to be held in Montreal, August 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Poster for our February Winter meeting and agenda are included in this email. Please print and share them with your councils. I hope to see many of you on Feb 1, 2020. Thank you to our hosting council Holy Family Cathedral. Also included is a poster for workshop to be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Many Blessings to all in this New Year!