

Presidents Message

September 27, 2019

Greetings to all Saskatoon Diocesan Councils,

I'm sure by now many of our councils have had their first meeting after the summer break. I hear very often from the parish priests; about how valuable the Catholic Women's League is to each parish. I wish you a very successful season in each of your councils.

As Diocesan President, I attended a very informative provincial meeting at Queen's House of retreats on Sept 19-21 in Saskatoon. Provincial President Chantel Divine informed us of a very exciting two years coming up for us in our Province. She has chosen the theme for Saskatchewan, in one word, which is, "Inclusion." She has challenged us to build up our membership from 77,000 across Canada to 100,000, by our 100-year anniversary. She is asking each one of us to make an effort to reach out to one person and to include our indigenous and international sisters. Please pray and ask the Lord for the name of that one person that would be a great asset to your Council and would benefit from becoming a CWL member. Then go out and courageously invite her. You will transform someone's life.

The month of October is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. In particular we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Pope Pius XII said, "There is no surer means of calling down God's Blessings upon the family...than the daily recitation of the Rosary." Please make an effort to pray the Rosary in your parishes and families in the month of October.

All councils will be receiving a letter and Directives from National office in October. Please share them with the respective chairpersons in your councils. You will also be receiving information very soon on the annual reporting. You will have the option of reporting on line or requesting a paper copy. Saskatoon Diocese only had 21 of 43 councils reporting for 2018. Please make every effort this year to participate so we can get an annual report from all of our 43 councils.

The five-year strategic planning is moving forward as planned. We would love to give you a presentation on the plan. Please attend one of our Regional workshops to learn more. You have been sent the posters of the workshops in a previous email. I will include them again. Please print them off and put them in your parishes and in your parish bulletin. We look forward to seeing you very soon at one of our workshops.

Many Blessings to all councils!

Ingrid Eggerman, President Saskatoon Diocesan Council Catholic Women's League of Canada