

Regina Diocesan Organization Communique #1
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To: CWL Parish Organization Chairpersons
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Hello, I am your Organization Chairperson for the next 2 years. I have been a CWL member since 1996. My home parish is St. Joseph's in Balgonie. I live in Emerald Park, about 10 km east of Regina. My husband, Bill, and I recently celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary. We have 5 children – 4 boys, and a daughter who is married. I am also the Diocesan President-Elect. I am the past-Chairperson of the Regina Regional CWL Council and served for 4 years as the Recording and Corresponding Secretary for the Saskatchewan Provincial CWL Council.

After a nice summer, I will give a little refresher course to you if you have done this for a while, or if you are new to the position as I am, we will do a little learning together! The duties of the chairperson can be found in the Executive Handbook on the national CWL website on page 37. The duties are:

- Recruit members and maintain membership
- Leadership development
- League resource material
- Annual reports
- Life membership

More detail as to what these include is also given in the Executive Handbook. As well, on the national CWL website, there is also a Handbook for Organization Chairpersons. The link to both manuals is: <https://cwl.ca/resources/600-series-manuals/>

The National CWL is undergoing a renewal process which includes strategic planning for the future. Although we are still a few years away from major changes, some things can be promoted within your council. *Officially*, it is the job of the organization chairperson to recruit new members, but *practically*, it is the job of every CWL member to recruit new members! However, it is your job to equip the members so that they can help recruit. Some ideas to instill in your members, which they can share with ladies, 16 years of age and older (official membership age), in your parish:

Core Purpose of the CWL – To unite Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world.

Core Values –

Faith – following Catholic teaching

Service – local, national and international

Social Justice – actively involved in society

Mission Statement –

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

As well, per our Constitution & Bylaws, a non-Catholic woman may be an associate member which means that she can vote at your meetings, but cannot hold an executive position. Don't forget to invite these women in your parish who may be attending mass but are not yet Catholic! Please contact me with any questions, comments, or just to say hello as I do not have your contact information, and I would like to send you updates by email if possible. For God and Canada!