

Regina Diocesan ORGANIZATION COMMUNIQUE #2 November 2019

To: CWL Parish Organization Chairpersons
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Happy autumn! What does autumn make you think of? Finishing off the garden work, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Grey Cup ☹️ (okay not this year...), and ANNUAL REPORTS!! Yes, it is annual report time again. Your council is asked to submit 12 annual reports, one for every executive position, including secretary and treasurer. Your council may not have a chairperson for each executive position, or do activities that would fall under the umbrella of each position, but your council is still asked to do each report. The reason for this is to help all levels of the CWL – National, Provincial, and Diocesan – to gain an understanding of what the parish councils are doing. The National Executive has undertaken a strategic plan for the future, but if they don't know what's happening at the council level now, it's hard to plan for the future.

You may think that it is not important if you don't do a particular report, let's use Organization as an example. Yes, if 68 of the 69 councils in our diocese do an Organization report, and you don't, we still get a pretty accurate picture. But if everyone assumes that the other councils are doing the Organization report, and almost no one does it, we have a problem. First of all, no report does not reveal the true situation. Does no report mean that your council does nothing with Organization, or does it mean you just didn't do the report? When many councils don't do an Organization report, does it mean that they just didn't want to do the report, or that they don't do anything with Organization, or does it mean that there is a problem with Organization that we, at the other levels of the CWL, don't realize.

Speaking of the 69 councils in our diocese, last year only 19 councils completed the annual survey for a completion rate of 27.54%. This is very low compared to the provincial average of 35.56% and the national average of 57.1%. What this means is that we don't have much information at the Diocesan level, and we are not being represented at the Provincial and National levels.

The reports must be completed by January 15, 2020, at midnight. The surveys are available online at this time. If your council cannot complete it online, I can send you a paper copy of each report by mail or email. If you wish to be included in the survey, they must be returned to me by mid-December so that I have time to enter them manually. Don't forget to save as you go along, print before submitting if you wish to have a copy, and finally don't forget to hit the SUBMIT button!

Many councils informed me that they did not get the October mailing from national. If you did not, please contact the national CWL office at 1-204-927-2310 or email info@cw.ca. However, this may be because you have filled out a form with national indicating that you want all of your

information sent by email. If you have a new president, please be sure to inform national office. You can do this by going to <https://cwl.ca/resources/500-series-forms/> and selecting form #515. Use the same link and select form #504 to update address changes for any of your council members.

Many councils hold elections or have a change in their executive at this time of year. As stated, please inform national, but also, please inform us at the Diocesan level with changes to your president, treasurer, and Spiritual Advisor by contacting me or the Diocesan President, Yvonne Bachelu.