

ORGANIZATION COMMUNIQUE #3

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To: Parish Organization Chairpersons
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Another year, another National Convention under my belt. This year's convention was very interesting. The hearing guest speakers, attending breakout sessions and seeing all my CWL sisters was very enlightening, inspiring, and renewing. If you have not yet attended a National Convention, maybe 2019 in Calgary could be an option for you.

Kim Scammell of National Office informed us that the website is now up and running!! Hooray!! However I believe it is just the membership part that is working right now. She explained how they wanted to update their system, and awarded the contract to a different company than the one they currently had. Turns out this new company did not pull through with creating a new and updated website, so it was at a standstill and unusable. National office then re-connected with the other company, and they kindly agreed to get us up and running! What amazing people! However, because the website was in limbo for so long, and only partially done, it's been a long process to fix. So have patience! It is a virtue after all!!

Having said that, I just received an email from Amanda McCormick, Memberships at National Office. She informs us that "In an attempt to prevent the online system from crashing due to significant usage, we are staggering access to the system." All Organization chairs will be sent instructions in the next few weeks (if you haven't received it already) giving you instructions necessary to complete your membership process. I also have all the information, so if you need any help, please contact me and I'll do my best to assist you.

Provincial Organization Chair, Chantal Devine, mentioned in her June 2018 Communique that the first participants in the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation program are well underway for their year of studying. I believe the application process is underway for the 2019-2020 year of studying. So if you're interested, go to www.cwlfcanada.ca and apply today! Chantal goes on to say that "Not all of us will be able to take part in a formal leadership formation program but we can all improve our leadership skills by reading articles on leadership." She quoted our National First Vice-President, Fran Lucas, "a good leader is a servant first... a strong leader empowers others. She recognizes their gifts and delegates assignments to them. A leader always ends her request with a "thank you"!" She then asks "If someone were to describe you, would they allocate the following qualities to you? Are you, respectful, a good listener, enthusiastic, a problem solver, a collaborator, well organized, self-aware, persuasive, resourceful and supportive?"