

Regina Diocesan President Communique #1 September, 2019

To: CWL Parish Presidents
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Welcome Parish Presidents! I believe most councils have their elections at the end of the calendar year and begin their two year term in January. If you are in the middle of your first year...or second year...Welcome to a new CWL fiscal year! In the Regina Diocese, you are aware that our elections take place each April at our Diocesan Convention. So I am just beginning my first term as your Diocesan President and am very excited to learn and grow in the next two years.

Next year's Diocesan Convention will be held in Estevan on Sunday and Monday, May 3 & 4, 2020. Please try to send as many from your council as possible, including your parish priest. I will be asking the Regina Diocesan Centre to send out reminders with their weekly announcements to the parishes.

If you go to the CWL Provincial website, you will find a brief bio of each Diocesan president, along with each executive member on the Provincial Council. You can check out the bio's here: <http://www.cwlsk.ca/pages/exec.html>. As your Diocesan president, I am now a member of that round table, and am looking forward to the next two years for the discussions and business that will transpire around that table! If you would like to read our Provincial President's reports, please visit: <http://cwlsk.ca/pages/presreports.html>. It's always nice to hear what our Provincial executive is doing!

I was fortunate to be able to attend the National Convention this past August in Calgary, AB. If you were fortunate enough as well, you will have seen first hand some changes that were made with respect to the Resolutions process. The Resolutions dialogue still took place on the Sunday, however the Resolutions themselves no longer have the "WHEREAS" clauses as they previously were. They are now to be made a part of the Resolution itself and when Resolutions are brought onto the Convention floor, the only discussion allowed is on the "RESOLVED" clause. This change brought about a few concerns that we will lose the important and informative discussion from members, however it also brought about a much more stream-lined process to either pass or defeat the Resolution. We will see what happens throughout this year and see if National Executive decide to keep this format for Resolutions. If you would like to read what happened at this year's National Convention, go to <https://cwl.ca/calgary-2019/> and you can read on what happened each day. I've included in this mailing package the Wednesday overview of the convention, just to give you a taste of what happens at convention. Mary Nordick has written an excellent overview on the opening mass and you can access that here: <http://www.cwlsk.ca/index.html#announ.html>. I've included this report as well, however if you go to the website, there are many pictures available to view.

If you are able, please join us at the 2020 National Convention in Montreal where we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary as an organization. Montreal councils are working hard to make us all feel welcome!

You will also notice in this package the Certificate for Recognition of Long Time Membership. This was initiated in 2005, and we are continuing to recognize membership years in five-year increments. Names are accepted from **September, 2019 to April 2020**. Normally this form is returned to the Diocesan Corresponding Secretary. Unfortunately, the member we installed at the Diocesan Convention to fill this roll is no longer able to fulfill her commitment. I ask that you keep her in your prayers as she continues in her journey and returns to us when she is able. So please fill this form out for your members and return it to me. We will then send out certificates as requested.

Coming into the fall, a lot of Regions will be having their fall meetings/workshops. Please keep your Diocesan executive in mind when holding these workshops, as we would love to attend. So send me an email, or give me a call, and let me know and if I am not able to attend, I will send one of my executive in my place. As well if there are any CWL workshops that you would like presented, we are happy to assist with and/or present those as well.

As well, if you have a Parish Council CWL anniversary that you are celebrating, we have certificates we present from the Diocese and would like the opportunity to present them to your council personally if given the chance.

In closing, I look forward to meeting new members as I travel around the Diocese of Regina helping you and your councils celebrate those incredible milestones of years of service!

God Bless!