

Regina Diocesan PRESIDENT COMMUNIQUE #2
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To: CWL Parish Presidents
From: Yvonne Bachelu

First off, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Coming into the Christmas season, I'm sure all your councils are planning your Christmas celebrations. It is a busy time of year, however I'm hoping you find time to peruse this second package of Communiques. There is a lot happening in the CWL world, so let's see what we can share this time around.

At the end of October, Provincial President, Chantal Devine, sent out an urgent email message for all parish councils seeking information to identify "Best Practices" and "Engaged Membership". There were four questions with a deadline to submit your responses of Nov 22. These responses would then be compiled by the Strategic Planning Affirmation Working Group. I'm hoping many of you responded. If you haven't submitted your responses yet, although it is passed the deadline, send them anyway. Some wrote out their responses and mailed them to me. If you feel more comfortable to do this, I invite you to send me your responses and I'll make sure National receives them. They may still consider them in their compilation. I hope to hear the results of this soon.

Plans are underway for the 2020 Diocesan Convention being held in Estevan on May 3 & 4. I ask that you ensure your Spiritual Advisor is aware of this event and I also ask that you strongly encourage he/she attend. There have been a depleting number of clergy at our Conventions and it is one of my goals to increase this number significantly. I do realize that the Clergy Retreat usually takes place the following week, however activities for that do not begin until the Monday evening. So there should be no reason why your Spiritual Advisor would be able to attend our Convention!

I also want to encourage all members to attend the Convention. We are currently working on securing guest speakers. Two meetings have taken place with the convention committee, and I've expressed my opinion that we need to shake things up. So please plan on attending and see what's "new and improved" with the event this year!

I mentioned this in my first Communique back in September, but want to keep reminding all members to visit the provincial CWL website at <http://www.cwlsk.ca/> and see what not only our Diocese is up to, but what is happening in the Prince Albert and Saskatoon Dioceses as well. All our communiques will be found on this site, so if you missed the September mail out, you can go to this website and read the communiques.

This year the National Convention will be held in Montreal, QC, where we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary as an organization. To celebrate this joyous occasion, the Centenary Committee is inviting all councils to look into their archives for pictures of memorable CWL events that happened over the past 100 years. I've included the announcement so you can have the information directly. It does indicate to take your pictures to the National Convention, however if you are unable to attend, I am willing to take your pictures with me. You can either mail them to me, or give them to me at either the Diocesan Convention or the Provincial Convention.

Speaking of the Provincial Convention, don't forget to invite your Spiritual Advisor to that as well, along with members in your council. The 2020 Provincial Convention is being held May 31 & June 1 in Prince Albert. Watch for details!

I would like to re-iterate what Janette Rieger, Diocesan Organization Chair, mentioned in her Communique included in this package. It is in regard to on-line reporting. Please ensure your council completes this reporting. It is invaluable information for National in taking our League into the future effectively and efficiently. They need to hear from you! If you are having difficulty getting onto the website, please contact either myself or Janette and we will walk you through what to do.

During my two year term, another goal I've set for myself is communication. I want all councils and members to know that the Diocesan Executive is here to assist you. As National has cancelled their 1-800 number, our Diocesan Executive will be your first line of contact. So if you have any question whatsoever, whether it be about protocol, CWL honour guard, resolutions, etc. please contact one of the Chairs on the Diocesan Executive. If you aren't sure which chair to contact, let me know and I'll direct you to who would be able to help you.

May God bless you, may his love shine upon your soul, and may you feel his presence as he walks beside you as you travel your path of life.