

## REGINA DIOCESAN PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUE #2 – November, 2017

Dear Sisters in the League,

November brings us closer to the end of the Church year which will lead us into the season of Advent and then Christmas. It is always good to look ahead with anticipation to the good things God has in store for us.

**National On-line Annual Reports:** You have received a memo from National about the 2017 Annual Reports (Oct. 5) and now the secure site is open to receive your annual reports for each standing committee. Please read Organization Chairperson Yvonne Bachelu's communique for the details you need to complete these forms. The deadline is December 31 but we recommend that you get your committees going on this before things get busy in December.

**Call for Candidates for Leadership Program:** Again refer to Yvonne's communique to promote and access the form for application for this **new** program. The website is [www.cwlfcanada.ca](http://www.cwlfcanada.ca).

**Form for Directory Changes 2017:** You will note that we have simplified this form to include only three names and addresses. It is important that it be returned to me by the date indicated because we need to update our directory and get it out to all councils. As I mentioned in my first communique (September), consider getting a postal box for your CWL mail (there is no charge for this) or have your mail sent to your parish, so that mail does not go missing if delivered to someone who goes away in the winter.

**Northern Missions:** Two representatives from our diocesan council attended a meeting in Regina to hear that our diocesan church is being called to assist the Northern Missions in Saskatchewan because the former funding from the Vatican has been discontinued. Our CWL councils are being asked to continue their existing supports for the Northern Missions or to consider a one-time fund raiser to contribute to their needs. We are also being asked to raise awareness in our parishes of this need. One parish has a container at the back of the church labeled "Nickels for the North" to collect loose change as people go out of the church after Mass. Other parishes have adopted a northern mission and send money and goods on a regular basis. Go to the website for Catholic Missions in Canada [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info) and read Bishop Crosby's message entitled "**What it means for Canada's Remaining Six Mission Dioceses to be Transferred to the Common Law of the Church.**"

**2018 Diocesan Convention:** Planning is well underway for the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Regina Diocesan Convention to be held on April 29, 30, 2018 at St. Gerard's parish in Yorkton. There is a very capable team in place this year formed by the Yorkton-Melville region. Please mark the date on your calendars and work to send representatives from your council to the convention.

*Remember: when we go to Yorkton there are always perogies and cabbage rolls on the menu!*

**Strategic Planning:** Having participated in a workshop on Strategic Planning at the Provincial CWL workshop in October and having read the supplement in our Fall/2017 League Magazine, I can only tell you that some changes are going to happen. A new 5 year plan will be formally presented at the 2018 annual national convention in Winnipeg. What will it look like? Only God knows.

One of our Diocesan Executive members, Marjorie McFarlane, is beginning treatment for throat cancer. During the time of her diagnosis, she continued to attend meetings and carry on her duties as Community Life chairperson. We ask that your councils would keep her in your prayers as she journeys through her treatment. Knowing that many CWL members are praying for her healing and peace can give her the strength and courage to trust in God and her health care providers.

My husband and I are going to be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November. I will keep you and your councils in my prayers in a special way during this journey.

Wishing you a prayerful Advent and may peace and joy bless you and your families this Christmas and throughout the New Year.