

COMMUNIQUE 05

November, 2013

Provincial President: Barb MacFarlane

It was such a pleasure to meet so many of you at the Fall Conferences. We hope you found it helpful. Since our last communique, we have a new **Resolutions and Legislation Chair**, Florence Flynn. Mary MacLean has made a decision to resign for family reasons. We are very pleased that Florence has agreed to accept this appointment. I hope each council will choose one special way to demonstrate the theme *We Have Seen the Lord* using our Provincial focus “imprisonment in all its forms”, eg a guest speaker, or donation to a special cause,.... We are looking forward to our final **Catch the Fire Workshop** for this year on Sat. Nov. 16th (see info below). The council with the highest percentage of participation at a workshop from June 1, 2013 to June 1, 2014 gets the National portion of their per capita fee paid for 2015. That means you only pay \$7:00-what a deal! Non members are welcome too, so bring a friend. Enjoy **Be League** in Nov. as PEI is the featured province. I am very pleased with the response. In this mail out you will find the annual report forms as well as a **revised Girls Bursary application** form. Please use the new form for 2014. Remember, January is membership month, so time to prepare.

President-elect and Organization: Louise Doiron

I'm sure all of you as Organization Chairs are busy with various activities within your councils. As provincial organization chairperson it is time once again for me to provide the Catch The Fire workshops for different areas of the island. On Saturday, Nov.16th there will be a CTF workshop at the Kanata Club in Kinkora hosted by St. Malachy's CWL. All members & nonmembers from surrounding areas are invited to attend: St. Peter's Seven Mile Bay, St. James Summerfield, St. Mary's Holy Family Kensington, St. Paul's Summerside, St. John the Baptist Miscouche and possibly Blessed John Paul 11 in Hope River. A CTF workshop will be delivered, after the new year, to those councils that haven't had it yet. The new year is fast approaching and with that means, Annual Reports to be filled out. The forms used for these reports are provided in this mail out for all chairpersons. They can be either e-mailed to me or mailed. All reports come directly to me except the financial statements which go to Irene Gallant, Provincial Treasurer. Enjoy the next 2 months within your councils and have a very Blessed Christmas Season.

Past President: Zita Cameron

To my sisters in the League: this is just a reminder to keep working on your material for the archives. Does every council have a copy of the National Manuel of Policy and Procedure? It answers many questions for the proper workings at the parish level. God bless and have a good Advent, Happy Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Provincial Treasurer: Irene

It is almost November and hopefully all of you are settled into your role as Treasurer of your council. There are a few things to bring to your attention:

1. When you write a cheque to send to the Provincial Treasurer (me) it must be made out to Provincial Council of CWL.
2. All cheques need to be sent to the Provincial Treasurer (me).

3.If you plan to donate to the Catholic Girls Bursary, please have your cheque to me by Nov. 15th.

4. In this mail out, you will receive the National Voluntary Fund Form and the Charitable Donations Form. These are to be used when you report what you donated to National and Charitable Donations Form for all the donations you gave to organizations on PEI. Please do not list any expenses i.e. what you spend on cards, stamps, telephone, mileage, etc. I don't need your financial statement from your bank just the form.

5. These forms should be sent to me no later than 15th of February as I need to put all the figures together and send my report to National Office by early March. Please remember that these forms come to the Treasurer (me) and not to the President-elect with the other yearly reports.

6. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

7. Thanks so much for your dedication and great work to your Councils.

Spiritual Development: Gerarda Gallant

The Fall conferences had me expressing, Take five minutes with God, build a relationship with Him. This grows as we practice and He will call us closer and our days will fill with the awesomeness of God. I did forget to share the message of the Book of Life. Please make sure names and addresses are spelled clearly and correctly. . A reminder to send any deceased member forms to National Office (information on form) as soon as possible after a member's death. Thank you and may God and our Lady of Good Council continue to bless us.

Community Life: Lorraine Savory

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fall Conferences and that you were able to get a better understanding of each of the standing chairs. Some of the topics that community Life spoke about was Marty's Dream, a project of Former National Spiritual Advisor Archbishop Martin Currie. He is trying to set up a Hostel for Girls at St. Michael's Parish in the Volta Region of Ghana, where the girls from the surrounding communities can come and be safe to continue their education, so they can return to their communities as role models and leaders. The cost of Marty's Dream is estimated at \$35,000. If your Council wishes to send a donation the address is ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S, ATTN MARTY'S DREAM P.O BOX 1363, ST. JOHN'S NL AIC N5N. Continue to support and assist organizations, such as Anderson House, addiction centres, Development and Peace and your local food banks. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you with your work.

Education and Health: Theresa Kenny

The Catholic Girls Bursary is included in this mail out. Note the revision where it states: "involvement in the Catholic Church". We, as CWL members need to be aware of the applicant's involvement. Also CWL members need to become more informative on Lyme disease. Lyme disease is a debilitating disease that affects humans. It's as close as NS and NB. Because of global warming a large portion of the population of Canada could be living in areas at risk by 2020. Lyme disease is a serious threat that is on the rise in Canada, yet treatment and public awareness are largely inadequate. Making members aware of this possible threat can be done through various methods such as articles in council newsletters or workshops at a meeting.

A prayer for good health. **The Spirit of Calm:** Oh Lord, You are good to those who seek you, those who revere your name. You, who are the only source of health and healing, the

spirit of calm and the central peace of this universe, grant to me such a consciousness of your indwelling and surrounding presence that I may permit you to give me health and strength and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Good health means being aware of added salt products.

Communications: Alma Rix

I would like to thank councils for their great response for “Be League” submissions. “Be League” is a monthly e-newsletter and our provincial council will be highlighted in November 2013. The Catholic Women’s League of Canada “Pornography Hurts” campaign is now underway and members will receive two post cards in the next league magazine. Please read the article in the magazine re this campaign. P.E.I. council members are asked to send their postcards in July of 2014. If you are interested in becoming a pro life worker for your parish, there is very worthwhile information about training on the PEI Right to Life website at <http://peirighttolife.ca/pro-life-church-worker-training-program/> .

Christian Family Life: Sheryll O’Hanley

Hi everyone. This is my first communiqué and it is a chance for me to introduce myself. My name is Sheryll O’Hanley and I live in St. Peter’s Bay with my husband, Frankie, and our 11 year old daughter, Christina. I am a resource teacher at Morell Consolidated School and I am an active participant in many Community organizations. One of my volunteer roles is being the confirmation teacher in our parish. In my role as Christian Family Life Convenor, I will be focusing on youth. The youth in our parishes are the future that we will be depending on to continue our faith community. Our youth have many talents and interests that they are willing to share. Please feel free to contact me and let me know of the events you have planned in your parishes that focus on youth or events that you would like to get off the ground (saohanley@edu.pe.ca). I look forward to working with you in the future.

Resolutions and Legislation: Florence Flynn

Hello, I am new on resolutions but am responsible now for any Resolutions your council may want to submit. These resolutions must be moved and seconded at your own council meetings and be approved by your members. Your minutes must show this information. Then they must be mailed to me (your president will have my contact information or I can be reached by clicking on “contact us”).

2017 National Convention Report

The Budget and Fundraising Committee are proposing that each council, over the next 3 and ½ years, donate a total of \$15 per member per council towards the expenses of the convention. For example, if a council has a membership of 10, we would hope that they would be able to donate a total of \$150 towards the convention. If a council has 100 members, we would hope that a total of \$1,500 be donated to the convention expenses. This proposal was met with unanimous consent at the eastern fall conference and we pray that it will be favorably accepted throughout all councils. Aside from individual council fundraising, a provincial fundraising event is being discussed for 2015 which we believe you will enjoy. Further information to follow.

We certainly appreciate the emails and calls we are receiving with names of members

who wish to volunteer for convention committees and hope they keep coming in. God
bless you all!

Elaine Black, General Chair, Laurie Smythe, Co-Chair