

## Communique 01

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**Provincial President: Louise Doiron Ph: 902-887-2039; e-mail [louise.doiron@bellaliant.net](mailto:louise.doiron@bellaliant.net)**

Dear Sisters in the League! Attending the 94th National Convention in Fredericton as your Provincial President was indeed a very inspiring and rewarding experience. What an awesome feeling carrying our PEI flag at the opening and closing Masses. It was comforting to have there, the support of Spiritual Advisor Father Paul Batchilder and eleven beautiful PEI sister members. N. B. Provincial Council members created a very friendly, welcoming atmosphere for about 570 CWL members . All of the well planned liturgies, prayer services and homilies were so uplifting. Meeting other provincial presidents and discussing issues and concerns was certainly a highlight. It was great to share ideas around the table at the Presidents' Luncheon. Everyone agreed that increasing membership was a concern and felt that personal contact seemed to be the best method. Following the mentoring process is indeed a great avenue to follow in getting members to take on leadership roles. In this way the position doesn't appear to be so threatening. Also keeping our parish communities aware of what CWL is doing ,by putting information in bulletins on our resolutions etc., is very important. Presidents I want to wish you well with your councils this coming year, and to tell you I'm willing to help you in any way I possibly can. Feel free to call me or e-mail me with your concerns. I ask you to be patient with me as I learn to be better efficient with computer skills. I trust in The Lord. Through the intercession of Jesus and the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel may all CWL Councils on PEI have a very successful year. Hope to see many of you at our upcoming Fall Conferences. Please notice the location change of our 2nd conference.

May God Bless you all! Louise

**President-elect and Organization: Irene Gallant Ph: 902-894-8375; [irenegallant@hotmail.com](mailto:irenegallant@hotmail.com)**

What a privilege it was to represent PEI at the 94<sup>th</sup> National CWL Convention in Fredericton, NB. A report of what took place at the convention will be given at our Fall Conferences. The 1<sup>st</sup> one is at All Saints in Cardigan on 13<sup>th</sup> September and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is at St. Anthony's, Bloomfield on 20<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to see many of you at the Conferences. At the conferences we will continue with the good work begun with Catch the Fire Workshops with topics that respond to areas you have indicated an interest in. Please encourage as many of your members as possible to attend – I know they will find the workshops enjoyable and informative. As I begin my term as Organization Chair, I pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in all your endeavours. God Bless, Irene

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**Past President: Barb MacFarlane Ph: 902-569-3577; [bytheriver8@gmail.com](mailto:bytheriver8@gmail.com)**

Welcome to another year of League work to all new and returning past presidents. Your role as mentor to your president is very important. To those councils who have their own parish Manual of Policy and Procedure, this would be a good time to review it in light of the revisions of the new Constitution and Bylaws ( revised 2013). Remember the importance of your council history. In this age of digital photography, it is easy to forget that beautiful photos may still be on someone's camera card or flash drive. Also, please make sure your minute books and other historical items are clearly marked with

your council's name and year(s) involved. If you want to store some of your council's treasures in our archive room, please call or e-mail me to arrange to have them picked up. May you have an enjoyable and faith-filled year as past president.

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**Provincial Treasurer: Shirley Pierce Ph: 902-675-3726; [smpierce@bellaliant.net](mailto:smpierce@bellaliant.net)**

My name is Shirley Pierce and I just accepted our Provincial CWL President Louise's request to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role, keeping our finances in order, just as it is in your councils. I am a retired Communications Director and am enjoying retirement with my husband Bob, my four adult children and their spouses and nine darling grandchildren. I belong to the St. Francis of Assisi CWL in Cornwall.

As I learn more about my role as Treasurer, I will be delving into resources that are currently available: Guidelines for Treasurers- available from National Office or can be downloaded for free at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) under the Resources tab

Constitution and Bylaws, Article XI, Section 5, Treasurer

Previous treasurers and financial record for previous years

When I was Treasurer of our council, I recorded the Provincial Council's Treasurer's name and address with my financial records because I often had to send her reports, cheques, etc. Please copy this information for your records. My coordinates are Shirley Pierce, 19 Camhilda Lane, New Dominion, PE, C0A1H6; phone 675-3726; email: [smpierce@bellaliant.net](mailto:smpierce@bellaliant.net).

Three reminders:

- When sending any cheques to me, please ensure that the cheque is made out to **PEI Provincial Council Catholic Women's League.**
- Any contribution to the Catholic Girls Bursary must be made no later than December 1 to be counted for 2014.
- Please ensure that dues are sent to National Office NO LATER than November 15 to be included in the membership for 2014.

I am looking forward to working with you.

**Shirley Pierce**

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**Spiritual Development: Cathy LeClair Ph: 902-569-4767; [cleclair@upei.ca](mailto:cleclair@upei.ca)**

Welcome to all my sisters in the League both at the Provincial and Parish levels. My name is Cathy LeClair and I am your new Spiritual Development Chair. I have been a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Stratford for 30 years and an active CWL member in this parish. I have been President, Secretary and now Treasurer for Assumption Parish CWL. I am married to Norman LeClair and we have 5 children ages 35 to 23, 4 boys and 1 girl. We have 3 grandchildren, a boy 8 years old and 2 girls age 7 and 1. My family are all gifted musicians which I am thankful for every day.

This is a new role for me as your Spiritual Development Chair and it is my hope that with the help and guidance of those more experienced we will grow together as a League strong in Gospel values. I have a plaque hanging in my house that states, "Faith", faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. We live in an ever changing world and here on PEI we have a great diversity of cultures and faiths. It is my hope that all women, men and children can find a common ground through Faith and Love to see and understand this diversity of cultures. Together we need to be teachers of patience and have the willingness and strength to develop strong relationships with all of our spiritual equals in different faiths.

I pray every day for wisdom in my decision making. I am first a wife, mother and grandmother

and through these roles it is my hope to be a strong spiritual development chair for the CWL. I became a spiritual person through my baptism but, it has been in my experiences of life that I have come to know my God.

Thank you for this opportunity to once again grow in Faith and I ask for the Prayers of all members that I will be given the Wisdom to make the choices expected of me and that we will all work together to develop a strong Catholic Women's League on PE I rooted in the wisdom of Gospel values. Thank you and God Bless

**Cathy LeClair**

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**Community Life: Iris Rodger Ph: 902569-1864; [ibrodger@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:ibrodger@pei.sympatico.ca)**

My name is Iris Rodger and I am married to Brian and have two wonderful sons Michael and Matthew. I was born in Amherst, N. S. My husband and I live in Stratford. I am Past President of Our Lady of the Assumption CWL Council in Stratford. I work for Home Instead Senior Care PEI. Please remember in your prayers our seniors who have been tagged by doctors as having Dementia or Alzheimers. They are afraid and feel alone and pray for their families who have to make decisions no one likes to make. Also prayers for peace especially in Israel and Palestine.

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**Education and Health: Theresa Kenny Ph: 902-583-2830; [jtkek@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:jtkek@pei.sympatico.ca)**

I am your Education and Health convener for 2014-2016. It is my pleasure to serve you again . My covenorship consists of: Catholic Education, Literary and continuing education, scholarships and bursaries, wellness and sickness/disease, environment and genetics. As this convener I also chair the Catholic Girls Bursary Association. We welcome new members this year in Agnes MacDonald-Queens, Mar McIssac-secretary-Treasurer, And Mary MacDonald-Kings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Christian Family Life: Carol Evans Ph: 902-836-5200; [dce@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:dce@pei.sympatico.ca)**

Introducing Carol Evans, I am married to Don for all of 46 years. We have two boys, Darrell and Curt. They are both married with children, Darrell has 3, and Curt has 2, giving us 5 grandchildren, 3 boys and 2 girls. Have been a member of St. Mary's Holy Family Parish for all of 46 years. I was born into a big family where community was important, so not long after arriving in Kensington I got involved in Church life. Religious Education, Teen Encounter, Pre Marriage, Curcilo, Ministries and the like. About 30 years ago I joined the C.W.L. I was asked at a convention one time why did I join the C.W.L. and my answer was, I felt like maybe this is a place that I could make a difference in the world, and over the years working with a great group of ladies I know we have made differences. This is why I have decided to join at the executive level, I believe I have something to offer at this stage in my life that will make a difference. And Christian Family life couldn't for me be a better place to start.

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**Communications/Corresponding Secretary: Ph: 902-436-3916; [mwhelan@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:mwhelan@pei.sympatico.ca)**

As Chair of the Provincial Communication Committee, I find myself with a new and challenging task I will do my best to communicate pertinent information to parish councils with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel in whom I trust. This is my first communique, therefore I will send the schedule of the upcoming events. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Ist. Fall Conference at All Saints, Cardigan

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fall Conference at St. Anthony's Bloomfield

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Rosary Pilgrimage at Seven Mile Bay.

Thanks to all parish councils who helped distribute the Abortion Postcards and the Pornography cards at the week-end Mass/Masses. It is a small but important message we as Christians do to help eradicate the above. There are two CWL websites which all members are eligible to use. They are the National

Website cwl.ca and the PEI website cwlpei.ca. They are easy to find and easy to read through from time to time. Thanks to all members who have volunteered to be the communications chair at their councils. If I can be of any help to you, please call ( 436-3916 ). God bless!

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**Resolutions & Legislation: Marion Murphy, 7 Treeside Lane, Millvale PE C0A 1E0 Ph: 902-621-0725** Hello. I am Marion Murphy from St. Ann's Parish, Hope River, which is a part of the Blessed John Paul 11 Unit. I have been a member of CWL for over 50 years. Through all those years, I've felt the importance and necessity of preparing and presenting resolutions on current concerns. We have effected many changes in all walks of life because government and other officials have listened. By watching what legislation is being presented provincially and federally and by sending written concerns to our M.L.A.'s and M.P.'s, we are able to help them better prepare legislation or halt what is ineffective. We are a voice which must be heard by them, or there is no use in complaining among ourselves. I shall aim to help any of you in preparation of a resolution. Got ideas – share them- working together we are an agent of change. Always remember, sugar gets more results than vinegar.

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