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Sisters of the League, thanks to all of you who attended our 2 Fall Conferences. I hope that the information shared by our presenters was insightful and helpful to you. Thanks to *All Saints Cardigan* and *Sacred Heart/St. Anthony's Councils* for hosting us so very well. Since then I have been to Winnipeg for the National Fall Meetings. During the Provincial Presidents' Round Table meeting many items were discussed eg. how to attract new members and to get present members take on leadership roles. The most effective method seems to be personal contact and mentoring our members. During meetings of the whole National Executive, child poverty in Canada, euthanasia, pornography, palliative care and anti-spam legislation were some of the topics discussed. I asked if all of them would keep the issue of abortion on PEI in their prayers. Saturday morning was spent entirely on discussing and elaborating on our new theme, *One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*. One Heart- filled with mercy, compassion and holiness; One Voice- united in harmony to speak the truth with courage and zeal; One Mission- witnessing to the Good News of the Gospel through personal encounter and joyful service. As we come to the end of our ongoing theme, *We Have Seen The Lord*, I expect to receive more direction on the new theme, from National, soon. Some councils, my own included, are busy fundraising for our 2017 National Convention. Cheques can be made out to **2017 National CWL Convention** and sent to **Marion Marshall at PO Box 284, Cornwall PE C0A 1H0**. 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 2015. Remember January is membership month, so time to prepare. **Please would all put their e-mail address on their annual report. You could e-mail your report to your provincial chairperson.** *Before long we will begin the Holy Season of Advent. Making the "art of accompaniment" (as per Pope Francis) an integral part of going forward...(EG169) with a compassionate gaze to bring about change, to make a difference, to ensure words are put into action. Merry Christmas to you and your families. May God Bless!! Louise*

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As Organization Chairs you are probably busy with lots to learn, to do, and to plan to build God's kingdom through the League. Take time for reflection and listening to the movement of the Spirit. Imagine your life without:

- the Catholic Women's League
- opportunities you have had for spiritual renewal
- awareness of social justice issues in your province, the country and around the world
- fellowship of friends, sisters, companions on life's journey

Now ... imagine what new and vital initiatives you can use to:

- recruit members and maintain membership
- develop leadership
- promote League resource materials
- revitalize annual reports
- connect with life members and actively access their gifts

The new year is fast approaching and that means Annual Reports will be due. The forms used for these reports are provided in this mail out for all chairpersons. They can either be e-mailed to me or mailed. All reports come directly to me except the financial statements which go to Shirley Pierce, Provincial Treasurer. Have a very Blessed Christmas Season

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Dear sisters of the League, here we are well into the fall season and I hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our CWL theme this year is One Heart, One Voice and One Mission. Considering the recent happenings in our country there has never been a time where One Heart, One Voice and One Mission have been so needed. Our National CWL spiritual development leader Anne Gorman on behalf of our National League has requested we pray for all soldiers across Canada whose fight for our safety, our freedom and our democracy is becoming harder every day. We also must keep in our prayers the unborn child and pray that wisdom will be granted to those making critical decisions that determine the fate of all people born or yet to be born. The events in our lives determine so often the path we take in life. Please pray for all who suffer hardships and tragic events that they may be given the strength to endure and that goodness and spiritual strength will also be a part of the path they are to follow. Prayer can be in many different ways for each of us. We can pray formally as a group or with family or quietly in personal pray. Prayer can be anytime anywhere for any person. Sometimes we need the strength we get from formal prayer in a group setting or we may have peaceful pray just looking out a window at the beauty of nature or on a walk where God is so present all around. Enjoy the rest of this beautiful fall season on PEI, like nature we will prepare ourselves for winter and let us be ever so grateful for the freedom we live here in Canada and on our beautiful Island.

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It is that time of year when we are enjoying the beautiful fall colours and putting our gardens to bed for the long winter. Soon, it will be time to finalize the financial records for the January to December 2014 fiscal year. Attached to this communiqué are two forms: the Charitable Donations form for donations to PEI charities and the National Volunteer Fund Form. Both these forms need to be completed and returned to me by February 4. I have to total all the donations and submit a report to National Office later in February. You only have to report on donations your Council has made; there is no need to report expenses such as postage, cards, office supplies, etc. I would also like to receive a copy of your year-end financial statement; this would be very useful for me. Please send all these forms to me: Shirley Pierce, 19 Camhilda Lane, New Dominion, PE, C0A 1H6. As you close out this fiscal year, it is time to prepare a budget for 2015 and present it at the annual meeting. You will find information on how to prepare a budget in Guidelines for Treasurers and in the National Manuel of Policy and Procedures on Finance. Thanks for taking good care of the Council's finances. Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends! Shirley Pierce

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This Christmas reach out to a neighbour or a senior and give a helping hand or just spend some time with them sharing a cup of tea or coffee. Please continue to support the homeless, our food banks and soup kitchens. Our national chairperson of Community Life, Doreen Gowans, stated in the national communique #1, 2014: As our work begins I'm reminded of Pope Francis' prayer intentions for August, "that refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights." Merry Christmas to all.

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I broke my ankle after the Fall Conference in Cardigan Sept. 13th and I have been in hospital since ,so I am typing this communique on my iPad and with Louise's help we'll get it into communique.

Since this is the time for Catechism programs and RCIA, I encourage all members to become as supportive as they can by teaching, or being a sponsor. I have done both and I have gotten much more out of these programs than I could ever give.I also ask members to be aware of the environment by simply sorting our garbage, by not polluting our streams and by picking up garbage on the side of the roads.

Thank-you! Theresa

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The time for prayer has never gotten to be more in need for the unborn, elderly, diseased and disabled in our society as it is now. Abortions and Euthanasia are two issues that will destroy Christian family life if we allow society to think its alright to destroy what God has created. How do we act now? well first write, e-mail or talk with your M.L.A's, member of Parliament, especially Doug Currie. Let them know we are behind them and their policy to keep Abortion on demand out of the Q.E.H. Second pray to Mary of Good Counsel. If each member, every day say a decade of the Rosary focusing on these two grave issues, I'm certain Mary will not allow family units to be destroyed this way. May God bless you with Peace and Understanding. Carol

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In my first Communique I neglected to introduce myself to you. I am a widowed mother to two sons, Scott and Bill, who have given me five grandchildren. I love to garden and travel and am quite involved in various community organizations/committees. Now just a few notes as the Chair of Communications. The Pornography Hurts Campaign is continuing into 2015. Fran Lucas, the National Chair of Communications will soon be sending an e-mail to Council Presidents encouraging councils to once again participate. New cards will be made available at a later date. The distribution of these cards are to make the public and local/federal politicians aware of this stain on society. It is a plea for eradication. By sending the cards and/or writing letters to government members you are letting them know of your concern. The CWL's website known as the "Be League" is a great area on the computer to visit and see some of the activities in which councils are involved in other provinces of our great country, Canada. October highlights the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia. It's very easy to access if you have a computer, that is. Simply type on the top line of your internet browser: cwl.ca. The page that opens will have a section on the bottom right which states (October 2014 Be League) and shows Mary holding her baby son Jesus. Click on it. There you have the "Be League" There is so much interesting info not only on the "Be League " but on the website page itself. Good hunting!

Must not forget our own web page: cwlpei.ca

Have a great Christmas holiday with family and friends.

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Check the Fall 2014 issue of The Canadian League, which has just arrived, to find the resolutions passed at National. Note the action plans. The first thing to do in each of the 5 resolutions is to write the Prime Minister. Each one also asks us to educate ourselves and members on concerns,risks and needs. This we can all do individually and in our councils. These resolutions are not the only things that concern Islanders and so the need for Provincial Resolutions. Ideas arise from personal experiences, media reports,articles, committee work on our various convenorships or activities which just aren't right. If your council has a concern take pen and paper and write about it, send it to the appropriate body and ask for a reply. If you have the meat for a resolution and are wondering- give me a call and maybe between us all we can make it happen.Great things can happen from a single idea.

Our new theme, *One Heart,One Voice, One Mission* tells me- We speak from the heart,we give voice to our concerns always with the welfare of all as our One Mission. What can you add to that?

If you wish to submit resolutions for 2015 Annual Convention they must be to me by Dec. 31,2014.

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As we near the end of our current theme, it is time to update our memories of *We Have Seen the Lord* in both photos and stories. Clearly labeled photos will be prized by generations of League members yet to come. Some councils will be in election mode before our next communique. To those of you who may be chairing a nomination committee, may our Lady of Good Counsel be with you on the important task of inspiring members to take on leadership roles. If you have anything for our archives, please let me know so pick-up arrangements can be made. Blessings to you and your council.