

**PROVINCIAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
NOVEMBER 2016 COMMUNIQUE 01**

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Firstly, I want to thank all our members who attended the two fall workshops. Evaluations were very positive and we look forward to planning for next year. Information from National has been mailed to parish presidents regarding on-line reporting. We are really hoping that as many as possible of the parish councils will undertake the new process. Planning is well underway for the presidents' retreat on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 at Belcourt Centre and includes lunch. Funding has been made available through the National Development Fund to cover mileage costs for those travelling with at least 3 members per car. Please touch base with other presidents to try and car-pool. We are hoping that as many as possible attend. Resolutions passed at the 2016 National Convention are in your fall magazine. The Planning committee for the 2017 National Convention to be held in Charlottetown continues to meet frequently. Elaine and Laurie will have a message in the newsletter.

I have just returned home from the National Fall Meeting in Winnipeg. We began our meetings with a Provincial Presidents' roundtable and then two days of National Council business. There were many topics on the agenda and I will highlight just a few. We did see the presentation on the new Annual Reporting System – for those of us who have had some computer experience it appears to be well explained. We also discussed the new theme for the next two years – Inspired by the Spirit – Women respond to God's call. More information will be coming to you in the new year and we trust that you will be moved to action by this theme. We will continue with Palliative Care as a part of the new theme. More will come on that later but mark the date of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for 12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care. Our annual convention will be held May 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> at Credit Union Place in Summerside and we are hoping for a large turnout. As well, the National Convention will be held at the Delta in Charlottetown August 6 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It is hoped that as many of our membership as possible will be able to attend. This will be a revitalizing and spiritual experience. Just a reminder, if you have any concerns or comments, please email or call me.

As Advent will be upon us soon, my wish is for you and your families have a very Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

**President Elect/ Organization: Shirley Pierce, Ph: 902 675-3726, email [shpierce@bellaliant.net](mailto:shpierce@bellaliant.net)**

At this time of year, we have put our gardens to bed, made the pickles/preserves and are thinking about making fruitcakes and buying Christmas presents. It was great to meet so many lovely members at our very successful fall conferences.

Our responsibilities as Organization Chairperson fall under several areas: Membership (retain and engage new potential members), Leadership Development (program money available nationally and provincially), League Resource Materials (myriad of materials on the national

website), annual reports (covered in detail below) and Life membership (using the skills of life members in your council or elsewhere to help your members-present topics, etc).

The CWL year is also coming to a close and this year all reports must be sent to Nationals Office by **December 15**. This year they are introducing a new online annual reporting which should make the reporting so much easier; I know we have all struggled with reports' preparation in the past. Now, you just answer the questions which are great and idea provoking, but you can add some notes as well. We will spend some time reviewing the new online reporting at the Presidents' meeting on December 3.

National Office has sent out a very informative package to all councils. This package contains a video tutorial, written instructions and a hard copy of each online survey. These are excellent tools to make the job easier. I went on the reporting system twice to check it out and had no problems accessing the reports.

I suggest that each of your Chairpersons answer the questions on the hard copy and then they or someone can enter the information on the computer. If anyone is hesitant to enter the information on e computer, ask another member or a young lady parishioner to help. This may be a good way to engage younger women to join the CWL. Your children or grandchildren, (depending on their ages), would also be great resources.

Good luck with your reports. There are people at National Office who can help you. Let me know if I or some other member of the Provincial Executive can assist you with your reports.

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Before long 2016 will be gone. For some councils 2017 might be an election year. It is the responsibility of past presidents to chair the nomination committee. This committee has the important task of encouraging their council members to take on leadership roles. I hope that when you pray to our Lady of Good Counsel she will help you with this necessary task to keep your council running smoothly. Good luck! Also as you look back over the past year you may have some photos/ materials you wish to place in the provincial archives. If so let me know and I can arrange to get these from you. All photos need names attached so that other members know them in the future. Thanks to those past presidents who have e-mailed me with their info and so I hope to hear from the rest of you soon. Enjoy the rest of this beautiful fall season, have a Blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas with family and friends.

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Please make sure any cheques sent to the Provincial Council are made out to PEI Council of Catholic Women's League, and sent to me at PO Box 55 Albany, PEI, C0B 1A0.

Any contributions to the Catholic Girls Bursary must be made no later than Dec. 1st, to be counted for 2016, and the cheque made out as indicated above.

Membership dues must be sent into National Council no later than Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the 2016 membership list.

Items from the CWL store can now be ordered very easily through the local individual councils. The webpage that lists the items can be found is the national website [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) Then go to resources, click on to price list, then click on to print list. The page will then come up that has the items available, with the prices. The prices on the list include GST .Orders can be sent by telephone or email. Orders have to be prepaid by visa or

MasterCard before being shipped, .Orders should be delivered within 4 weeks. Any councils that don't have access to a computer, contact me and I can send out a list by mail. This will be a much quicker way for councils to get their supplies without having to go through me. You will find the website is user friendly.

It is that time of year when we need the reports from the parish councils on their donations to local and national and international charities. These forms are attached to this communiqué. Please send it to me by Feb. 5, 2016, so that the results can be totaled and sent to National Office. .Also, if your council is interested in how to prepare a budget for 2017, information can be found on how to prepare a budget in Guidelines for Treasurers and in the National Manual of Policy and Procedures on Finance.

Seasons Greetings for the upcoming Christmas Holidays, from my family to yours!

**Education and Health: Leah Kinch Tel (902) 882-3531 email [leahkinch@hotmail.com](mailto:leahkinch@hotmail.com)**

Greetings everyone. As I write this report, we welcome the month of November.

The beauty of God's creation can still be seen in the changing colours of leaves but these leaves will require work for many of us.

The Canadian League Magazine has arrived and I encourage each member to take the time to read it to become informed about pertinent issues.

The resolutions from the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention are listed and I encourage councils to be a part of the action plan. Fran Lucas, National Chair for Education and Health, shared information on important issues that need discussion at local levels, especially the "Freedom of Conscience". She is also asking provincial chairs to work on establishing our short-term and long-term goals.

On October 22, 2016, I attended Dr. Moria McQueen's talk on "Ethics of Assisted Dying". Dr. Moria has recently been appointed by Pope Francis to the International Theology Commission. Her talk focused on ethical issues for patients and health care workers in light of Christian teaching. During her presentation, she reminded us that we must continue to work for the support of life from conception to natural death.

National Bursaries are now being offered bi-annually. Applications are to be sent to National Office by November 30, 2016 and May 31, 2017. Provincial Bursaries are being offered and must be completed and returned to the address on the form no later than 31 January, 2017. Form attached

Reminder to get your flu shot.

I ask my sister CWL members to continue to pray for the ability to hear what God wants of us. My God bless us!

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Catholicism, A Journey to the Heart of the Faith, By Robert Barron is a great book which leads us to explore our faith. This book is part of my University Religious studies course and is a great read. I purchased my copy at UPEI but I am sure this book would be available at any bookstore.

Please contact me with any Communication information you may need brought to the attention of the League and also if you have any Correspondence you need us to be aware off you can certainly email me or any or our Provincial members I will close with a couple of Quotes by **Pope Francis** .

**Flying a kite resembles the approach you need to take regarding a person's growth: sometimes you need to give them some slack because they are 'wavering.'**

**In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!**

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Prayer is needed now more than ever for the unborn, the elderly and the sick. Councils are encouraged to support hospice palliative care so medical aid in dying will not seem like an option. For the youth of your parish, consider having the Youth Ambassador Team from PEI Right to Life do a presentation on the sanctity of life. If interested contact Nicole Dupuis at [nicole.dupuis@live.ca](mailto:nicole.dupuis@live.ca)

As a council are you aware of a widow, someone separated or disabled that is in need of a friend? Let us keep them all in our prayers. Peace.

**Spiritual Development – Marion Murphy, 7 Treeside Lane, Millvale, PEI C0A 1E0  
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The Constitution and Bylaws of the League assigns the following duties for this committee as follows:

- spiritual growth of members
- study of Catholic teachings
- role of women in the church
- evangelization and mission assistance
- lay ministers
- ecumenism and interfaith endeavours

I like these challenges. They make me study the various documents of the church. Sometime I need to refer to the Code of Cannon Law, the document on Vatican II, the Catholic Catechism,

the Source Book, and the Concordance. Many articles and books are available on each topic but the basis for all are the above books.

When we leave mass we are sent – sent to what? - sent to serve God through service to others. As we begin each day ask God what we should do, say, and importantly refrain from doing or saying. Faith requires acceptance and action. The first step is praise and thanks for the goodness of God and then going forth through prayer, outreach, teaching, listening, and accepting all people as our equal.

I suggest every member should read articles 897 – 913 in the Catholic Catechism but especially no 903. These will help you feel more comfortable doing what you do as a member of the church.

God bless you and your families and councils.

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As Christmas approaches, we should be caring for our neighbours and those in the community who are hungry, lonely, or sick. Visit them when you can either individually or with your council. Try to do what you can for Christmas Hampers, clothing for the needy, gifts for children, and prayers for everyone who is experiencing troubling times. Also, remember in your prayers those refugees who have come to our country to face a better life, and pray for peace in those countries who are still suffering from war, hunger, or sickness. Write to your members of Parliament to encourage them to keep the refugee crisis a priority.

May God continue to bless you and your families during this Christmas season and the New Year.

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Greetings CWL members: At the 2016 National Convention in Halifax, 5 resolutions were passed. You have probably read them in your Fall magazine. We are going to concentrate on 2 resolutions right now. Resolution (1) 2016.04 “Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service”. (2) 2016.05 Amend the Canada Health Act to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service.

It is extremely important that we follow up as soon as possible in our councils with the Action plan for these resolutions (refer to the League magazine). You can refer to the CWL. Personal Letter Writing Guide for guidelines in letter writing. I am enclosing two sample letters but you must write your own personal letter. Also the names and addresses of your MP’s are included and no stamp is needed for members of parliament as long as MP is written after the person’s name. eg The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau MP.

In conclusion, there are many things to be done, write letters, monitor federal government response to resolutions and letters, volunteer or get involved with hospice, become educated on these issues with guest speakers, continue to phone or keep in contact with the disabled or

elderly etc. And of course, pray unceasingly as we continue to do God's work on earth by being his hands and feet.

## **SAMPLE LETTER**

Hon. Jane Philpott, MP  
Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada, K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Philpott:

I am a Canadian senior citizen living at home. I am in good health at present and therefore able to live independently. My major concern is that if I should ever need to access Home Care due to illness that I might not be able to obtain this because home care is not an insured service under the Canada Health Act but remains an extended health care service for which I would have to pay or else have private insurance coverage. As many seniors are on pensions or lower incomes, including myself, I would find it difficult to pay for home care assistance.

Therefore, I am requesting the Federal Government to include Home Care Services as an insured health service, fully funded by the government and delivered based on the patient's need and not their ability to pay and to amend this service under the Canada Health Act.

Sincerely

The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Trudeau:

I am writing to you as a Canadian citizen about my concerns over Bill C-14, MALD (medical aid in death not dying) which came into effect this past June 2016.

It is unfortunate that so much publicity has revolved around assisting someone to die by lethal injection or pills rather than to do research and develop resources for a natural death such as high quality hospice, palliative care, end of life care and to educate the public on these services.

At present, palliative care is neither included nor defined as an insured health service under the Canada Health Act and because only a small number of provinces have designated palliative care

as a service or included it in provincial home care or other services, this leaves funding vulnerable to budget reductions.

Therefore, I am requesting the Federal government to make palliative care an important component of healthcare and that it becomes an insured health service, covered by the Canada Health Act and that appropriate monies be allocated to each province to carry out this service.

Sincerely

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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
PEI**

**Donations from Parish Councils from 1 Jan. – 31 Dec. 2016**

**Spiritual Development**

Mass Offerings	\$
Missions	\$
Televised Masses	\$
Retreats	\$

**Organization**

Prov. Convention/Conferences	\$
National Convention	\$
2107 Convention	\$
Other Events	\$

**Christian Family Life**

Catholic Family Services	\$
PEI Right to Life	\$
Birthright	\$
Youth and Vocations	\$
First Communion/Confirmation	\$
Seniors/Disabled	\$
Families in Need	\$

**Community Life**

Save-A-Family Plan	\$
Dev. Countries (Children)	\$
Foster Parents Plan	\$
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$
Upper Room Angels	\$
Other Local Charities	\$
Outreach	\$

**Education and Health**

Catholic Girls Bursary	\$
Bursaries/School Prizes	\$
Catechesis/RCIA	\$
QEH/Hospice/IWK	\$
Prince County Hospital & West Prince	\$
School Programs	\$

**Parish Activities**

<b>Standing Committees Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Totals for all Funds Reported</b>	<b>\$</b>



