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Sisters in the League. It was indeed my honor and privilege to be your provincial president attending the 97th National Convention which we hosted here in Prince Edward Island. Carrying our PEI flag at the opening and closing Masses was a wonderful experience and acting as master of ceremonies for the official opening was a highlight for me. I was very pleased to have over 200 members from PEI attend the convention. Many of you were involved in fund raising, donations, articles for the baskets and assisting the various committees as they planned and carried out the responsibilities assigned to them. We received so many positive comments about all aspects of the convention and I know that attendees appreciated all of your dedication and support. If you attended 3 days, one day, or the opening & closing masses I'm sure that you were inspired by the spirituality of the convention, the guest speakers, annual reports, and resolutions. It is indeed an experience that was very enlightening and experiential. It was very rewarding having our Provincial Spiritual Advisor Fr. Brian MacDougall attend so much of the convention and we appreciated his participation in various activities including celebrating at the masses. PEI members planned a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere for those attending. 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. We discussed the first reports from the on-line annual reporting and you will hear more of this in the fall. It was great to share ideas and concerns, especially at the Presidents' meeting. We discussed the importance of keeping our parish communities aware of what CWL is doing, by putting information in bulletins on our resolutions etc.

The national executive spent a day and a half discussing Strategic Planning for the League including the vision, goals, objectives, identifying priorities, strategies, and setting priorities. You will hear more from the Steering Committee this fall and a plan will be tabled at the National Convention in 2018. We look forward to having as many of our members as possible participate in the process.

I wish you well with your councils this coming year, and to tell you that my executive team and I are willing to help you in any way we possibly can. Feel free to call me or e-mail me with your comments or concerns. I'm sure that there will be times that we need a gentle reminder of something we may have overlooked and I am hoping that your support will provide us with what lies ahead.

I trust, through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, that she will continue to guide us. I pray that all CWL Councils on PEI have a very successful year. Hope to see many of you at our upcoming Fall Conferences. May God bless all of you.