

Provincial Catholic Women's League

August 2018 Communiqué



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This is my first communique since I became Provincial President at our Provincial Convention in May. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at the Convention or at other meetings. Thank you for taking on your important President's role. Mentor others in your council and encourage them to take leadership roles. I find that giving members positive feedback and compliments on their skills and attitude makes them more open to considering leadership roles.

I am so thankful for my very capable Provincial Council Executive, with some returning members and four new members. I intend to make their experience rewarding, a good learning experience with opportunities to enhance their leadership capabilities and have some fun. I encourage you to do the same in your Council. If members are having a good time, enriching their spiritual lives and enjoying the fellowship and good work, then they are more likely to help.

I will be leaving for the National Convention in Winnipeg on August 10 and am looking forward to the Convention meetings and my new role as a member of the national executive. I have been getting packages in the mail several times this week as well as many emails detailing what I need to know and do. You will hear more about the National Conference at the fall conferences and in the fall League magazine.

When I give my five-minute Prince Edward Island report highlighting our accomplishments in the past year, I will be emphasizing the great work so many members on PEI, from one end to the other, did in organizing and delivering our top notch 2017 National Convention. I believe it has contributed greatly to the organizing skills and commitment members have for CWL on the Island.

I hope many of your members will join us for our two pot luck fall conferences (tentative agenda attached):

Saturday, September 29th **St. Patrick's, Recreation Centre, Fort Augustus**

Saturday, October 13th **St. Mary's Holy Family, Murray Christian Centre,
Kensington**

We will be doing a newsletter in the late fall so send any stories/picture to Cathy Favaro, our Communications Chair at cathyfavaro@hotmail.com

I will continue to send you emails / letters to keep you advised on CWL business. Call or email me anytime; I would love to hear from you.

God bless you and your families.

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I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer. At the May Provincial Convention I took on the responsibilities of President-elect and Organization chair. This fall, our conferences are scheduled for Saturday Sept 29th at St. Patrick's Church (Fort Augustus Rec Centre) and on Saturday Oct 13th at St Mary's Holy Family, Murray Christian Centre, Kensington. A tentative agenda will be included with this communique. Once again, there is no charge to attend the conference. There will be a sharing table at noon and CWL members across the Island can attend either workshop. The national and provincial focus for 2018 will be on mental health issues. We are encouraging a good attendance, as awareness, education and faith play an important role in mental health. At the same time, we need to continue our fine efforts in promoting and working for quality palliative care.

I will be attending the national convention in Winnipeg from Aug 12-16, 2018 and will be updating you on this important part of the CWL at the fall conferences.

Last but not least, if any of your council has members who have not renewed their memberships, please encourage them to do so. Please invite new ladies to join or come and see what the CWL is all about.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us.

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Hello to all parish Past Presidents. By the time you read this message, summer will almost be finished, and we will be heading back into our fall activities for many things, including CWL. As you know, September is always a busy time as we get back to attending parish councils meetings as we work For God and Canada. Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to attend one of the Fall Conferences being held on September 29th or the other one on 13th of October.

Just a friendly reminder that if any council has any material that you would like to send to the Provincial Archives, please feel free to let me know. I would be glad to receive it at any time. Also, if your council does not have a Policy and Procedure Manual, it would be good to work on creating one. I know that some councils have asked if their manuals are up to date as they may not have always received the amendments; if you feel that this may be the case, you could bring your manual to the Fall Conferences. I will have mine and will go through yours to ensure everything is OK. Please remember that I am always available to help you in any way that I can so don't be shy. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you in all that you do.

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Hello my Sisters in the League. I do hope you had a nice summer. My name is Karen Rossiter. I am pleased to be your new Recording Secretary for the Provincial CWL Executive. I live in St. Peters Bay, and have been the Council President there for the past four years or so. I am a relatively new member of the CWL, by all accounts, having joined just six years ago. It has been a blessing ever since. I am looking forward to be able to serve you on the Executive, and look forward to the future and all that it will bring. God Bless.

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I hope summer is being enjoyed by all and that you're finding time to spend with family and friends. I will be your Provincial chair for Resolution and Legislation for the next two years. I welcome any discussion or action that councils would like me to bring forward as a resolution. I will be attending the National Convention in Winnipeg and will report on resolutions passed there.

Provincial PEI President Shirley Pierce has provided local councils with direction regarding Bill C- 404 and I encourage councils to monitor Bill C- 277 regarding Palliative Care in Canada.

In closing, may our Lady of Good Council guide us in our Resolutions processes.

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As your Provincial Education and Health Convenor for the next two years, I would like to take this time to wish all sister CWL members a peaceful summer. I encourage people I meet to take quality time for themselves as we continue to focus on the theme of mental health this year, also keeping in mind hydration and sun blocking agents with our present extreme temperatures. At our local June CWL meeting Bill C-404 was discussed with clarification provided. As your convenor, I remind you that education on Pro-life needs to be supported and continued. May Our Lady of Good Council continue to guide us as we continue to work for God and Canada.

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I hope everyone enjoyed this hot and sunny summer. I am happy to be staying on as treasurer for our council for another two years. It has been a great learning experience, as well as a pleasure working with the members on the Provincial Council.

The final numbers are in for our 2018 Provincial Convention:

144 members were registered for the convention. 132 members were registered for the banquet. Income total for the convention was \$4747.50. The total expenses for the convention were \$8250.28. So we had a loss of \$3502.70.

\$775.70 was collected at our mass collections, and this money was donated to Canadian Missions. \$292.75 was collected from the tickets sold on the gift bag from the executive council. This money was donated to Anderson House.

Money can still be sent in for the Catholic Girl's Bursary. Cheques can be mailed to me at my address, which is at the top of my report.

I will be at the Fall Conferences, and will have some CWL store items available to sell.

Enjoy the rest of our beautiful summer.

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Hi everyone. I am the new chair of Community Life and I look forward to meeting you all. I belong to St. Malachy's parish in Kinkora. Please forward your email address and phone numbers to me so I can pass on all the info from national. My committee duties include dignity and rights of persons, social and economic justice, refugees, immigration and citizenship, Development and Peace and developing countries. Please contact me with any ideas or suggestions you might have on these topics

With God's help, I am sure we will continue doing the good works of the Catholic Women's League. I look forward to meeting each of you in the near future.

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Hi everyone. I am the new Christian Family Life Convenor. I want to share my contact info with each of you. Please contact me with any ideas or info throughout the year. In speaking with some seniors in my area, I thought a good start would be if each council could contact the seniors in your area and see if they are watching the weekly Mass on TV; if not, would they like to, and do they know how to find it, and the times it is on. It is a wonderful way to participate in Masses for those unable to attend a church service. Please forward me your email address so I can share all the info I will be receiving from National.

With God's help, I hope to be able to do lots of good work and deeds pertaining to this convenorship through all the members on PEI. My focus will cover concerns regarding family, youth, seniors, sanctity of life, widowed, disabled, separated, divorced and singles.

Thank you and may Our Lady of Good Council be with each of us as we continue to do the good works of the Catholic Women's League.

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Greetings to all our sisters in the League! I hope that you have had a relaxing and fun-filled summer.

After almost four years as recording secretary, I am excited to serve as corresponding secretary and chair of communications on the Provincial Executive. I will be responsible for getting the Communiqués and Newsletters out to you over the next two years. We always look forward to hearing from you about what's happening in your councils, so please continue to send us news articles, stories, notices, and pictures to include in the Newsletters.

I wish you a good year! We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conferences.

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Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! As you make this sign over your body each day as you rise, and before going to bed, and the times you turn to God in prayer each day, do so by taking stock of what you are doing and saying, beyond just going through the process. May your next prayer be “Thank you”; thank you for a new day to live and laugh and eat and move and do. Wow, the possibilities this new day holds!!! Take a positive approach, put a smile where all can see it, a smile that comes from a joyful heart. You be the example of what it means to be a Christian – do what Jesus would do, do what Mary would do.

A suggestion for a program to start the 2018-2019 season, come September, might be this way of Living the Fruits of the Spirit! I’ll give you the headings – have a discussion on each one about how we can carry out the gifts we are freely given.

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| 1. I choose love. | 6. I choose goodness |
| 2. I choose joy. | 7. I choose faithfulness |
| 3. I choose peace. | 8. I choose gentleness. |
| 4. I choose patience. | 9. I choose self-control. |
| 5. I choose kindness. | |

Finish the discussion with the following:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

To these I commit my day.

If I succeed, I will give thanks.

If I fail, I will seek God’s grace.

And then, when this day is done,

I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you bless those gifts that you received and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing that you are a child of God.

Let His presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love.

If I can help you in any way, call me at 902-621-0725 or visit me at 7 Treeside Lane, Millvale.

2018 “Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God’s Call” Fall Conferences

Saturday, September 29th

St. Patrick’s, Fort Augustus Recreation Centre, Isabel Quinn, 569-3802

Saturday, October 13th

St. Mary’s Holy Family, Murray Christian Centre, 17 School Street, Kensington, Marion Curley, 436-7965

- 8:15 Registration**
- 9:00 Mass**
- 9:45 Break with Refreshments**
- 10:10 Opening Prayer-Welcome-Introductions-Housekeeping**
- 10:20 National Convention Highlights- Gay Garvey**
- 10:30 Jayna Stokes/Kathleen Murphy, Cancer and Mental Health**
- 11:25 Stretch Break**
- 11:30 Alex Schadenberg/Speaker, Euthanasia**
- 12:00 Announcements, Angelus, Grace, Lunch (Pot luck)**
- 1:00 Reconvening Prayer**
- 1:10 Caroline LeBlanc/Kerry Moore, Mental Health**
- 2:00 Shirley Pierce, CWL Strategic Plan**
- 2:45 Draw for gift bag, Announcements, Questions, Evaluations, Online Reports deadline, newsletter**
- 2:55 Spiritual Prayer Closing**