

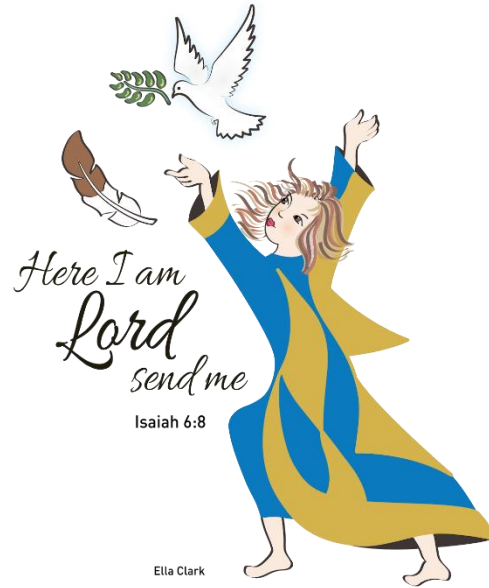
# PEI Provincial Council Newsletter

September 2025



## WELCOME!

Summer is almost over and Fall is on its way. Councils will be starting back up with meetings and planning will begin. I would love to attend a council meeting to meet your members, share information and be available for questions. If you haven't already penciled me in, please reach out if you'll have me. I am hoping to attend as many meetings as I can over my 2-year term. Blessings, **Cheryl Boom**



## Pope Leo's First Message 2025

*"Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God's flock. I too would like this greeting of peace to enter your heart, to reach your families, to all people, wherever they are, to all peoples, to the whole earth. Peace be with you!"*

Pope Leo XIV's commitment to these values reflects a continuation of the mission of the Catholic Church to promote harmony and understanding among all people.

Let all of us, as Catholic Women, commit to promoting harmony and understanding among all people!

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## President – Cheryl Boom



I am filled with gratitude, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility as I begin my role as President of the Prince Edward Island Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada for 2025-2027.

I have been a CWL member for 26 years. I joined CWL in 1999 in Edmonton at St. John Bosco Parish. I joined because I had no family in Edmonton and I wanted to make friends and be around like-minded people. I wanted to be involved in the church and give back to my community.

I became Parish President after being a member for only 3 years and following that I served on Edmonton Diocesan Council for 13 years. I received the Maple Leaf Service Pin as well as the 'Family of the Year' Award for my parish in Edmonton. I have been on PEI Provincial Council for 5 years.

My husband and I attend St. Malachy's parish. I have been married to Lewis for 38 years. We have 2 grown children and 3 beautiful grandsons, all who live in Edmonton.

In January 2025 I retired from Alberta Health Services after 18 years as an Executive Assistant. God had other plans for me and I now work part-time as an Executive Assistant and Bookkeeper for the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada.

As members of the Catholic Women's League, we are united in faith, rooted in love for God and Canada, and committed to service. We are called not only to action, but to prayerful action — to listen to the Spirit, to lift each other up, and to advocate for justice, compassion, and care in our homes, parishes, and communities.

Looking ahead, I pray that our council will be a source of light — encouraging new voices, nurturing friendships, and creating space for all women to feel welcomed, seen, heard, and empowered in Christ.

Let us continue to grow together in faith, with courage and kindness in our hearts, and with Mary as our model and guide. May we always remember that our strength comes from our unity, our faith, and our mission to serve.

## PEI Provincial Council

Cheryl Boom – President

Mary MacLean – Vice President

Zita Cameron – Secretary

Gail MacPhee – Treasurer

Karen Rossiter – Past President

Elaine Black – Faith

Isabel Quinn – Service

Yvonne Deagle – Social Justice

Fr. Danny Wilson – Spiritual Advisor

### Links:

[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) (National Website)

[www.cwlpei.ca](http://www.cwlpei.ca) (Provincial Website)

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### Important Dates to Remember:

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Canadian Martyrs Pilgrimage, St. Peter's, SMB

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bishop's Charity Dinner, Delta Charlottetown

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Conference East, St. Francis of Assisi, Cornwall

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Conference West, Immaculate Conception, Palmer Road



## Vice President-Mary MacLean

I grew up in Scotchfort, PEI, in a family of ten McNally children. My mom, Eileen, was a loving resourceful, stay-at-home, faith-filled mother, and my dad, Frank, was a loving, hard-working, faith-filled farmer and fisher. My siblings and I all grew up with a commitment to do our best in all we do.

I was a teacher in the PEI public school system for thirty-one years and I worked as Diocesan Director of Catechetics for eight years. Meanwhile I raised my five wonderful children (one single and two sets of twins) in Stratford where I have lived for over 50 years. I am now the proud grandmother of eight beautiful grand-children.

I am blessed that I have maintained the practice of my Catholic faith which has sustained me in the challenges of life.

I was invited to join CWL twenty-five years ago and have been well nurtured in my faith since then through my CWL involvement on parish level serving as president for two terms, and chair of resolutions, communications, and social justice; on the provincial level where I served as resolutions chair in the past and now as vice president; and at National level as I attended several National Conventions over the years, and served as secretary of the planning Committee for the 2017 National Convention held on PEI.

I like to think we can all contribute to “God and Country” by choosing to do our best with joy and with no fear of failure or judgement.



## Treasurer-Gail MacPhee

I have been a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada for 50 plus years and have held positions at the Parish Level when I was a member of St. Michael's, Corran Ban. That parish is now closed and I am a current member of St. Dunstan's Basilica CWL Parish. I joined the Provincial Council in 2022 as Secretary and was elected Treasurer in 2023. I am married and am the mother of three grown children.

I hold a Bachelor of Education Degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree from UPEI and an Accounting Technician Diploma from Holland College. I have formal training in Public Administration, Management Development and Accounting. I worked for the Province of PEI for over thirty years, primarily in tax administration, also finance and legislation. I am retired and have been actively engaged in a number of volunteer positions. I have a keen interest in affordable housing, in assessable supports for individuals with intellectual challenges and in my Catholic faith.

I am looking forward to the next couple of years as your Treasurer and looking ahead to working as Co-chair for the 2029 National CWL Convention which will be held in Charlottetown.



## Secretary-Zita Cameron

**Hi, I am Zita Cameron. I have been married to Garry for 50 years. We have 3 children, 2 of whom are married and 2 grandsons. I have been a CWL member since 1987 and tried to be involved ever since.**

**I worked my way to becoming the PEI Provincial President and 9 or so years later I agreed to go back on the provincial council as Secretary.**

**I am also honored to be a Life Member. What a faith filled and educational journey it has been!**



## Service-Isabel Quinn

My name is Isabel Power Quinn. I am the Service Chair for the next two years. I live in Johnston's River with my husband Kerry and we have six adult children and seven grandchildren.

I became a member of Sacred Heart CWL, Mt. Ryan in 1979 and I served as treasurer and president. When Sacred Heart Council disbanded in 2009, I joined St. Patrick's Council, Fort Augustus. I have acted as president there and am now the treasurer. I became a member of the PEI Provincial Council in 2023 and served as Social Justice Chair. I am now learning what is involved in this Service Standing Committee.

## Past President–Karen Rossiter

I live in the eastern end of PEI in St. Peter's Bay near the Greenwich National Park with my husband, David. We have been happily married for 25 years.



I have been a CWL Member for 14 years at St. Peter Parish Council in St. Peter's Bay and have held the positions of Secretary, President, and Past President for which I am still serving in that position.

I have been on the Provincial Council since 2014 and have served as Recording Secretary, Secretary, President-Elect/Organization Chair, President and currently Past President. As Provincial President I served on the National CWL Board where I was very pleased to represent PEI for 2023-2025. Most recently, I was humbled and honoured to be elected onto the National CWL Council and chosen to be the National Chairperson of Faith. I am truly blessed and will do my best to make PEI proud.

I have had many meaningful experiences the past eight years: accommodation chair for the 2017 National CWL Convention in PEI; member of the Working Group 3A- Misconception from 2018 to 2021; completion of the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation program from May 2021-2022; participant in the smartphone focus group and App discussion group for the Strategic Plan in 2022 and the completion of the four Seasons of Reconciliation Program online in January 2023.

I am committee chair for the 2029 National CWL Convention which will be held in PEI and will coincide with the 200th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlottetown.

I engage in many parish activities in both my home parish of St. Peter's Bay and my former parish of St. Charles. These include Sacristan, lector, eucharistic minister, decorating committee, and seat collector.

The League has allowed me to meet so many wonderful women. It has allowed me to grow in faith and advance my leadership skills in ways I never thought possible. My passion for the League continues to grow and I look forward to what the future has in store for me.

## Social Justice–Yvonne Deagle

Hi! My name is Yvonne Deagle and I am the Social Justice Chair for the next two years.



I live in Minnegash with my husband Leo. We have two children, six grand children and six great grand children.

I have served as a CWL member of the Immaculate Conception Palmer Road Parish for the past 16 years. I am in my second term as President of our Council and have served on various committees throughout the years. I am also in charge of recruiting and scheduling Readers and Lay Ministers for our parish.

I became a member of the Provincial Council this year and looking forward to learning all I can about Social Justice in our world.



## Faith–Elaine Black

**My name is Elaine Black from Cornwall and St. Francis of Assisi Parish. My experience is that when putting your gifts and energy into the Faith aspect of the CWL, you will receive graces to strengthen and assist you. We must remember that 'individual and collective spiritual growth' is the essence of the League. You can also receive friendships, strength in leadership, pride in standing up with like-minded women for the poor, downtrodden and many other gifts. But what sets us apart from secular organizations is the strengthening of our faith. It is the essential part of our meetings. Congratulations for taking on this significant role.**

**We have a new boss! I'm sure that the news is out that PEI's Past CWL President is the new National Faith Chair!! All Faith Chairs on PEI (and across this nation) will be guided by Karen as she assumes her new role. Congratulations, Karen, from all the members of the CWL on PEI and we Faith Chairs look forward to increasing the intimacy of our members' relationship with Christ by your guidance.**

**In Pope Leo XIV's first address he says, "We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always in peace."**

**May you share, in your special way, the gift of Christ to your members!**

