



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council



**PROVINCIAL CONVENTION
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Madame President,

One of the focuses of this committee over the past year has been to educate the membership on the dangers of pornography and in particular the harm done by the easy access to adult pornographic websites on the internet.

The Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Executive, in support for National resolutions **2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites**, has purchased 10 licenses to show the **Over 18 Documentary** to members and the general public across the province and NWT. For those who have not yet seen it, your Diocesan councils will be making the arrangements for showings in your area, please try to attend. In addition to the video, Provincial Council has printed Over 18 postcards to be sent to federal government officials, asking them to make age verification mandatory for all adult pornographic websites. Postcards and more information is available at the display tables. Postcards can be sent by anyone, you do not have to be a member of the CWL.

Privacy concerns have been big in the news over the past several months as we hear about data breaches with major social media sites like Facebook and online purchase sites like Amazon. The dangers to your privacy can range from annoying advertisements to identity theft. It is increasingly urgent that members educate themselves on ways to protect their private information online.

As we continue communicate with members at all levels through email, we **MUST** be diligent about proper email etiquette and the confidentiality of the personal information of our members. This cannot be stressed enough. CWL membership lists, emails, addresses, and phone numbers are to be used only for CWL related communications and CWL sanctioned event information.

The provincial website is found at www.cwl.ab.ca and is continually updated, please check back often. Submit photos of your council highlights to On the Spot; browse the National website while you are there. If you cannot attend the National convention in person, plan to listen to the speakers through the live streaming; more information on this will be available from National.

Please read the annual report book; it was especially rewarding to see the comments from the many councils.

One respondent did an excellent job of summing up what we all need to remember - **Trying to get an executive for a council is difficult. I hear stories and comments; "I am not educated enough to be president or treasurer." Quite often we hear "I have no clue about a computer." We wonder why positions are not filled. It's the fear and the message is not coming across – God will lead us in an understanding and spiritual way.**

It is good for us all to remember God will lead us and show us the way. We just need to trust him and say Yes when he asks...For God and Canada.

This concludes my report
Annette deBoer