

**the Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

**Provincial President**

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To: Diocesan Presidents  
cc: Provincial Executive (for information)  
National President (for information)  
Parish Presidents

FROM: June F., ABMK Provincial President

Dear Sisters in the League:



I begin my communique by welcoming everyone back after the summer break. Once again, Councils are busy planning their upcoming year and the Fall Diocesan meetings have been held. I am sure that at these meetings, members were apprised of the information that was shared at the 2018 CWL National Convention in Winnipeg on the National initiative of "Planning Strategically". If you were not able to attend these meetings, please note that each council President should have received their fall mail-out from the National Office, which would include communiques from each Standing Committee Chairpersons, as well as the book that includes the information about the "Plans Strategically" and, also a prayer card with the CWL Prayer to the Holy Spirit. I encourage Presidents to share this information with all your members. The first roll out has now happened and the next step is choosing a group of women to be part of the 'Implementation Team' that will look at all the information that has been gathered to date and assess the priorities that the League should focus on going forward.

This past weekend, Judy Look, ABMK Provincial President-elect and I, travelled to Grande Prairie to meet with the ladies from the planning committee for the 2019 Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL convention. The planning committee is already looking forward to welcoming the ladies from across our province and territory to Grande Prairie on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. More information will be posted in the next few months.

This trip also afforded us the opportunity to attend the Fall Spiritual Day for the Grouard McLennan Diocese. Each time, that I attend a meeting or a special event, I am always so proud to hear about the work that the ladies do in their home councils. No matter how small or how large the councils are, the work that the ladies do is fundamental in the support that they give to their parishes. I know that many councils focus on some type of fundraising activity to help the many charities and groups that need support. Sometimes, due to circumstances, the fundraising initiatives can not always happen. If this is the case, perhaps our donation of our time and talents can be just as important and welcoming as our monetary donations. I encourage members to continue to share your time by visiting the sick or seniors/shut-ins in their homes or in Health Care facilities. Could we look as serving a meal to those less fortunate or helping in our local food bank or collecting items to donate for such things as refugee bags, or women's shelters or for unwed mothers/babies? The donation of time could mean so much to so many!

This past spring, I had the pleasure of travelling to four Diocesan conventions that were held in Ft. McMurray, McLennan, Yellowknife and Drumheller as well as the ABMK Provincial convention that was held in Okotoks and the CWL National convention that was held in Winnipeg. I was honored to represent our province and territory at all of these wonderful conventions and I also want to thank all the ladies for extending me a warm welcome at each of these events.

I also want to make special mention of the following CWL Councils that celebrated special anniversaries over the past few months:

- 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Rose of Lima, Onoway
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sherwood Park
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Dominic Savio CWL in Edmonton
- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Theresa CWL in Edmonton
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Vital in Beaumont

These special anniversaries show us the number of years that the CWL has contributed to helping in their parishes and communities and we are reminded that we have responded to God's call and have been filled by the Spirit in the work that we do.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued work and prayers as you respond to God's call in all that you do.

Wishing you many blessings,

June F.  
ABMK Provincial President