

**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:



***Advent is a time to wait, listen and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only son as a baby to save us!***

Since my last communique in the fall, I have attended meetings, special council celebrations and anniversaries. As I visit different councils, I am filled with a wonderful sense of pride for all the work that members from across our vast province and territory have accomplished. At the end of October, I attended the National Executive meeting that was held in Winnipeg, which gave me the opportunity to meet and dialogue with the National Executive and all the Provincial Presidents from across Canada. What a great opportunity for bonding and hearing what is happening across our country. Two highlights from this trip was the Blanket Exercise that members of the National Executive participated in. For me, this was a very emotional awakening to the plight of our indigenous people. The other was a visit to Fort Alexander which was organized by Catholic Missions in Canada. Father Reilander who is the President of Catholic Missions travelled with us so that we could join Father Augustine Ezedeniru and his parishioners for their regular Sunday Mass. Following mass, the members of the parish treated us to a wonderful lunch and shared their heartfelt appreciation for the support that Catholic Missions and the CWL have given to help them carry out their work in their parish. This trip highlighted the wonderful work that Catholic Missions in Canada does to help so many northern parishes. I want to thank all of our councils that donate to Catholic Missions in Canada. Your donations are making a difference!

I was indeed blessed to be able to attend some very special anniversary celebrations to bring greetings from the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL. I am in awe of the work that each member and council does for their parish and their community. We have been talking about “strategic planning” for the future of the CWL, but when I attended these special events, it was evident that CWL has a very rich legacy for which we need to be very proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following councils on celebrating significant milestones:

St. Michael CWL, Bow Island – 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St. James, Okotoks – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St. Clare CWL, Edmonton – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Star – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St. Michael the Archangel – St. Micheal – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St. John Bosco CWL, Edmonton – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In November, I was invited to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association convention at The Westin in Edmonton on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. I was able to attend the Friday night to hear Bishop Emeritus Henry speak on "Education for Freedom". We are so very blessed to have Catholic Schools in Alberta, and as such, we need to continue to support and promote 'publically funded' Catholic Education for our children and our grandchildren. I encourage members to take an active role in supporting our Catholic schools. I applaud those members that are teachers and teacher's aids and to those members that go into the schools to teach the children to pray the rosary. Keep up the great work!

In closing, I want to wish each of you a joyous Christmas filled with time spent with family and friends and a time to reflect on God's special gift to all of us – his son Jesus Christ.

Wishing you many blessings,

June F.  
ABMK Provincial President