

Provincial President Report to Prov. Convention 2011 (added piece after report book)
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I would now like to share with you some of the specific items I have had the pleasure to be a part of this past year and up until today:

- In January the Provincial Council had Archbishop Richard Smith as our guest at our Provincial Executive meeting. His question to us was: "What is the Provincial Council doing for formation for CWL members?" That was the impetus for Fr. Jim's presentation yesterday afternoon.

- In February while attending a National Executive meeting I visited the Salt and Light Television office. After a tour of the office and update of their latest initiatives I was told of a challenge they are facing. They are in need of more subscribers. If you have Shaw or Bell ExpressVue cable you can have access to this wonderful Catholic TV channel for a monthly fee of less than \$3 a month. And, financial donations would be welcomed to help with their operations cost. Cathy's communication table has information you can pick up.

- On February 24th I was sent a copy of the Alberta Hansard which is the official published verbatim report of proceedings at the Alberta Legislature. This document included conversation among members Hancock and VanderBurg on Catholic Education specifically on the overwhelming receipt of cards from the CWL. Ladies our actions do get noticed.

- In February I was asked to join the Ad Hoc Leadership Development Committee led by Betty Anne Brown, National President Elect. The Committee met and continues to work on material that will be discussed at National convention. In the interim a package of 3 workshops was sent out to every diocesan and provincial council in Canada. The request from Betty Anne was for each council to pick one workshop that would be most beneficial to their members. I encourage all councils to apply for National Development Funds for the purpose of offering these workshops. I was pleased to submit one of the workshops called: *Take That Seat*.

- On May 2 I had the privilege to represent all of you at the Dedication of Chapel & Blessing of St. Joseph Seminary. This was a first for me and a very moving experience. A documentary about St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College is being filmed and the CWL will be recognized in it for our monetary contribution to the building and support of this new seminary and college and documentary.

- This year St. Mary's University College in Calgary celebrates their 25th Anniversary. The Calgary Diocese has a close relationship to this university having raised over a million dollars for a chair. St. Mary's professors recently visited the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine to exchange resources and academic research.

-We will soon have information for you on how provincially we can assist those affected by the fires in Slave Lake and surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran L., Provincial President