

**Provincial President Report [web version]  
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I am pleased to announce all positions on the Provincial Council are now filled. The final two appointments were Yvette F., from OLPH in Sherwood Park, as the dual Standing Committee Chair of Community Life and Christian Family Life, and Pam DeL., from St. Thomas More in Edmonton, as Standing Committee Chair of Education and Health.

I attended the National Fall Meeting, November 12 – 14, in Winnipeg. Topics discussed included:

- Multiple updates happening to the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*:
  - addition about monthly E-Newsletter
  - revised annual report guidelines
  - changes to Article VII – Members Who Are Separated/Divorced/Remarried
  - process to develop and approve position papers
- Mary N. delivered a moving presentation on her trip to Zambia and Burundi with many photos included.
- Returned League magazines will be left with Canada Post to be recycled, to reduce costs
- Faith portion (of faith, fun, fulfilment) needs more submissions to the League magazine; e.g. send in an article on what you are doing on Year for Priests.
- More recruiting cards have been developed and new promotional materials have now been sent to the councils.
- The updated website should be ready very soon.
- Provincial presidents had their roundtable on the first night and discussed 21 items. Key ones included:
  - Membership cards errors.
  - How can the League incorporate ways of welcoming and accepting immigrant, and/or aboriginal women within the structure of the League?
  - Purpose of Standing Committee Chair luncheons.
  - Request that all resolutions given to National be communicated to members to make them aware of what the different topics were, even if they never made it to the list.
  - Request to have “communiqués” reinstated in the national P & P.
  - How are others celebrating Year for Priests?
  
- Archbishop Currie advised that only a Bishop can authorize a petition in a church.

- A membership incentive plan was unveiled which is described in the latest edition of the League magazine.

Judy L. (National Chair of Legislation) and I wrote a prayer service. All of the National Executive was paired up to do the same. A book of all prayer services will be compiled and ready for National Convention and every council will receive a copy.

On the request of President Danielle, Archbishop Currie, Terri S. (national Spiritual Development Chair), and I have formed an adhoc committee working on revising the Spiritual Advisor roles.

At National Convention this year the 90th anniversary of National will be celebrated. Each province is asked to dress in the fashion of a different decade. Alberta Mackenzie will be dressing in 1970s attire. Start going through your closet ladies!

- In December, Prov. Legislation & Resolution Chair Dorothy J. and I met with Education Minister Hancock. We addressed high school graduate rates; an intermediate math curriculum; opening of the School Act; and funding required to replace the Casino funds. He supports Catholic Education and firmly believes having choices ensures the best level of education. Meetings with Premier Stelmach, and ministers of Immigration and Employment and Seniors and Community Services are being scheduled.
- President Elect Sheila H., Treasurer Ruth B. and I met with our Provincial Hierarchy Archbishop Smith. He agreed to write an article for the *Western Catholic Reporter* on the importance and benefits of CWL membership and encouraging women to join.
- We continue to collaborate with Catholic school boards. Edmonton Catholic has a message in their individual newsletters to teachers and support staff about joining the CWL. Other boards will be contacted and asked to do the same.
- In recognition of the Year for Priests, letters of appreciation were sent to our Provincial Spiritual Advisor and each Archbishop and Bishop in Alberta Mackenzie. And, I forwarded updated lists of Council Spiritual Advisors from all 5 Diocesan Presidents to National for a letter to be sent to each from our national President Danielle.

The Primate of Canada, Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop of Quebec wants to re-introduce *Our Lady of Schools* to Canada. Life Member Becky K. has presented to the Catholic School Board in Edmonton and they are having a trustee take the message to the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustee Association with hopes that something can happen provincially.

Provincial Convention planning is well underway and the Fairview Council (in Grouard-McLennan Diocese) is anxious to meet all of you, May 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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