

Sharon Malec
ABMK Legislation Chair
Rest in Peace

Our dear sister Sharon passed away on Sunday
August 8, 2021.

Sharon had been a member of the Catholic Women's League for over 45 years, beginning at Holy Cross, Fort MacLeod AB, followed by Christ the King in Claresholm, and ending in St. Martha's, Lethbridge AB.

Joining the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council in 2017 she first served as Resolution chair and then in 2019, Legislation chair. She took her duties diligently and faithfully.

Working with other chairs of the ABMK Council, she presented a full provincial council charge on Bill C-7, encouraging all councils to email, write and call their MPs and others on this very serious and ethically charged Bill.

Sharon served on the Calgary Diocesan Council from 2007 to 2019, becoming president in 2015 (2015-2017).

As Liturgy Committee Chair for the National 2019 CWL convention held in Calgary, August 2019, she worked closely with the National Spiritual Chair and the National Spiritual Advisor to develop a thoughtful and spiritually powerful program. She also quilted a beautiful Madonna and Child banner for the National 2019 Prayer Room, as shown here.

Sharon loved The League – she was excited about the National Strategic Plan to move the League forward for the next 100 years. She was part of the National Implementation Committee – Working Group #3 – Spiritual Formation – developing a program to help councils and members create their own original prayers and spiritual programs.

Sharon loved to quilt and many of us have been recipients of her sewing ability from quilts, wall hangings, pencil holders, tea bag wallets, tissue holders and Christmas decorations - all sewn and given with love and care. When I consulted her on what parting gift she would like to receive as she transitioned from president to past president for the Calgary Diocesan Council, she suggested “fat quarters”. For all of you non-quilters this was a challenge! First of all, we had to figure out what “fat quarters” were and then where to find “them”!

Although Sharon loved to quilt her first love was her music. She would often say “I have to go to my happy place” meaning her piano. Following music and quilting she was also passionate about her chosen career - teaching - from kindergarten to grade 12 - teaching music, religion, foods and special education. Serving as the Religious Education Coordinator for Holy Spirit School District was one of her most rewarding assignments. She was privileged to be involved with programs for religious education when she served as president of the Religious and Moral Education Council of the ATA.

Sharon loved her family - mourning her passing is her husband of almost 50 years, Roy, her daughter Melissa and son-in-law Alan and her daughter Erin. She will also be greatly missed by her two grandchildren, Matteo and Danica the apple(s) of her eye and all of her CWL sisters. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Submitted by Janet MacPhee and Judy Look

