

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Communiqué # 1

Inspired by the Spirit... Women Respond to God's Call



Date: August 3, 2017
To: Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life
CC: Parish Council Chairpersons of Christian Family Life, Provincial Executive,
National Chairperson of Christian Family Life
From: Carol Schlachter, Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life

Good Day My Dear Sisters:

Thanks for your confidence in me to be once again re-elected to serve on the AB/Mackenzie Provincial Council. I am thrilled beyond words.

Having been assigned to the chair of the Christian Family Life Committee gives me great hope for another term of learning, sharing and the excitement of doing great work together to bring continuing light to this most worthy committee.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the team of CFL Chairs I will be working with this term.

Calgary Diocese – Angie Schlachter
Edmonton Diocese – Jessie Sandmeier
St. Paul Diocese – Karen Chapa
Mackenzie Fort Smith Diocese – Linda de Guzman
Grouard McLennan Diocese – Contact: President, Irene Brassard

I am pleased to announce that Gladys Brown has accepted the position of assisting with the all-important March for Life. Many of you will know Gladys as she has been a diligent volunteer for the march on more than one occasion. A recent letter from the Alberta March for Life Association gives an explanation about the March for Life especially to all who have not been aware of its importance.

“The March for Life is to give a peaceful, quiet, public statement to the dignity of all life by a march through downtown Edmonton from Churchill Square to the Legislative Building and return. In this positive action we give visibility to our faith, our heritage, and our commitment to life from conception to natural death. We want to call on our society to protect those most at risk, the voiceless and most defenceless members of our human family”.

Planning meetings have started for the 11th Annual March for Life to be held May 10, 2018. They have been supported substantially by the Catholic Women's League in the past and once again are seeking financial support from CWL councils in the form of donated dollars. The cost of the march is over \$20,000. There is quite a list of expenses, one being some \$9,000.00 payable to the City of Edmonton for closing off the streets to accommodate the march. Should anyone wish to have a breakdown of expenses, please contact: albertamarchforlife@gmail.com or Pat Dube' email: pldedm@shaw.ca

Councils are invited to plan their respective marches if so inclined and they certainly can be on a much smaller scale. That is something to consider. Should there be any councils who have organized and participated in their own march outside of Edmonton, please pass on the details to your Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair or to me as the Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life. This would be valuable information to forward to our membership.

We will keep you updated as planning progresses.

Please enjoy the remainder of the summer. We are all members of God's Team and have much work to do for God and Canada. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to inspire and guide us as we journey together.