



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

## PROVINCIAL CONVENTION (June 2016) COMMUNICATIONS ORAL REPORT

Everyone is encouraged to read the reports in the Annual Convention book; this is our way of communicating with each other about our accomplishments during the past year.

A great number of our councils do not have Communications chairpersons; therefore the task of making sure members are kept informed ends up falling on the President. Keep in mind those who do not utilize technology and share paper copies where needed. **Make sure to keep a print copy of council newsletters for your archives.**

50<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day was May 8. Pope Francis' message theme is *Communication and Mercy: A Fruitful Encounter* and he tells us "What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all." and "It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal. Members are encouraged to read his message.

We have seen a fantastic array of newsletters from councils from one page to 20! Good work. For good Catholic news and information subscribe to the *Western Catholic Reporter*; take home *The Carillon* if it is available in your parish; check out the CWL websites at all levels.

Print some "Pornography Hurts" and "Let's Stop the Tragedy of Teen Suicide" postcards and get everyone you can to send them to the government. Card templates and printing instructions are available on the National website or contact the Communications chair.

Sign up to receive the ***Be League*** and ***The Canadian League*** in your inbox; add CWL to your Facebook friends. Kudos to everyone for sending their council photos and stories for the May edition of the *Be League* – great job! Please send in your information on any service pins you give to members, so they can be included in an upcoming issue. Remember, you can send in tidbits on your council at any time; let's have Alberta council activities in the *Be League* every month!

One additional note on clarity in our communications, specifically within the CWL. When sending an email or other communication to any level of the League, please make sure that you include the name, your town, your Diocese and Province as appropriate. You can appreciate that there may be a number of councils with the same name. Take St Joseph CWL - there is more than one St Joseph in some of our larger cities, let alone across the diocese, province or country. Imagine the confusion.

This concludes my report.  
*Annette deB.*