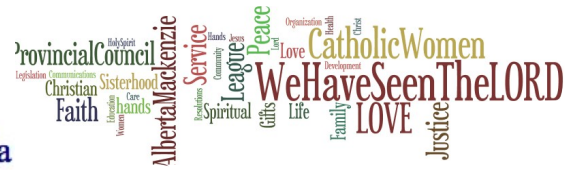


The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



## PROVINCIAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2013

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The **C**hosen **W**omen of the **L**ord (CWL) in the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council had a very busy 2013 in the areas of Education and Health. This report reflects their presence and work in helping others to see the Lord.

### Catholic Education

#### *Catholic Education and Catechesis / Catholic Schools*

- Alberta Provincial election – Fall 2013 ... 10 CWL members elected as Catholic school board trustees, representing 10 school districts
- Members helped with school activities such as reading programs, tutoring adults with their literacy skills, ESL programs, sacramental preparation programs, feeding programs, rosary making
- Many members are teachers in the schools
- Communicated with school boards on issues such as suicide, Catholic education, alcohol substance abuse

#### *Parish Life*

- Helped with children's liturgy programs, school masses, school retreats, rosary making, choir, sacramental preparation
- Help promote Catholic Education Sunday

### Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children/Teenagers

- Members involved as facilitators speakers, sponsors, hosts, coordinators and prayer partners

### Literacy and Continuing Education

#### *Educating about CWL*

- Encouraged attendance at workshops, use of promotional pamphlets and speakers

#### *Educating about educational and health issues*

- Studied legislation and reports on current health and

education issues such as euthanasia, abortion, sex selection, suicide prevention, bullying, mental health issues, managing stress

- Invited guest speakers to speak on health-related issues, studied the position of the Church on health-related issues, used resolutions to inform members on current health issues

#### *Continuing Education of members*

- Many members took courses on-line, attended Newman Theological College and St. Mary's University College, used faith based DVDs, took Bible studies

### **Scholarships and bursaries and donations**

- Councils reported supporting various educational endeavours of both institutions and persons through their individual council scholarship funds and donations such as Bishop Education funds, Newman Theological College, St. Mary's University College, funds for in-school breakfast programs, purchase of Bibles for schools, scholarships and bursaries for post secondary education,

### **Voluntary Funds**

- Councils supported the Coady International Institute

### **Wellness and sickness and disease**

- Information on healthy life styles, different cancers, flu shots, diabetes, heart and stroke, cyber-bullying, euthanasia, and MS, were shared at council levels
- Worked on health-related national resolutions
- One council prepared a resolution on Lyme Disease that was accepted by national council for consideration
- One member received an award from Parkinson Alberta

### **Environment**

- Members recycled, reused, reduced; worked on petitions on environmental issues, studied information on current environmental issues such as drilling for oil, etc.; distributed Development and Peace environmental awareness calendars

### **Genetics**

- No councils reported an action

Respectfully submitted,

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