

**ELSIE YANIK RECIPIENT  
RENEE SPOHN**



**St. Martha's CWL  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
Diocese of Calgary**

Elsie Yanik was woman of faith, courage, and dedication. Throughout her life she embraced each challenge placed in front of her. She said, "Make a difference. Create a better world by being kind. Kindness is enduring. Kindness is contagious. Kindness makes everyone feel good. Our Elsie Yanik recipient this year embodies these qualities.

She became a member of CWL in 2002. From that time to the present she been actively involved in her home council holding the position of treasurer from 2004-2007 and the position of president from 2009-2015. When no one else would let their name stand for president she continued in the position indicating how important CWL was to her. From 2015-2107 she served as the treasurer of the Calgary Diocesan Council. She continues her dedication to CWL by being a member of the 2019 National Convention planning committee. In her time as a CWL members has spoken at retreats and facilitated workshops.

She has an Art and Management degree from the University of Lethbridge and works full time for Revenue Canada in their Calgary office. She is a dedicated wife and mother as her weekends are spent with her husband and three children in Lethbridge. In 2016 and 2017 she co-chaired a large fundraising event called the Western Tailgate Party.

Her council president says she exemplifies service to the people of God. She leads with humility and shares her leadership and organizational talents across our local community and beyond. She is a strong voice and advocate for our youth ,women and those in special need especially needs related to poverty and disabilities.

One CWL sister who served with her on the diocesan council said " I was amazed at how level headed, calm and cool she always seemed to be, no matter the circumstance. She is very articulate, and a great leader. She has a strong faith in God and always puts others before herself.

Her sister Cindy shared the following poem **A Godly Woman** by MS Lowndes that best describes her:

A woman of beauty  
A woman of grace  
A woman of excellence  
Beholding God's face  
She walks with the Lord  
With Integrity  
Knowing her purpose  
And destiny  
No matter what happens  
She walks in God's love  
Reflecting the beauty  
Of her Father above

Ladies and gentlemen our 2018 Elsie Yanik Recipient Renee Spohn



Our Elsie Yanik Winner with Margaret Ann Jacobs CWL National President 2018