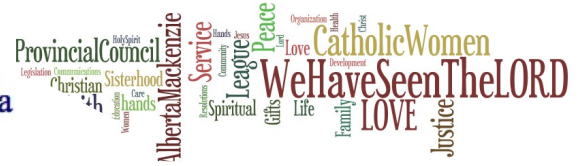


The Catholic Women's League of Canada
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



**CWL Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
Organization Standing Committee
Communiqué #1 (September 2013)**

The position of Organization Chair executed by the President-Elect is meant to be a time of learning and being able to assist the President and all the executive members in their work. If you have a question that needs answering, I hope you can turn to me.

At the convention I received a copy of Betty Anne B. D.'s script for her presentation to us. If you wish a copy of this script, please let me know. Her PowerPoint is available on the national website. You will remember that she presented it with the music of Clair De Lune by Debussy in the background. That part of the presentation is an area that you would have to get the music for yourself or change the music. I also have the text of Dr. Jerry Turcotte's presentation, "The Art of Illumination: How Faith Reveals Itself Through Art, Education & the Everyday." Ask me for a copy of this one if you want to read over it again. (When you view these scripts, you will learn something quite valuable – when you put your text in a LARGE font size, it is much easier for you to use; easier to see, and not to lose your place when you stand at a podium.)

Membership and Awards

Please encourage your parish councils to submit their forms for the Father Walter Krewski Awards for membership. The criteria, and updated parish council and diocesan treasurers forms are on our Provincial website: <http://www.cwl.ab.ca/KrewskiAwards-criteria.pdf>. These forms can be completed and sent in with the Annual Report Forms. Remind your Diocesan Treasurer that for two of the awards, she needs to submit numbers.

Try to have different roles for each of your members to do for the betterment of the League and your council; everyone's contribution is important especially the pray-ers. If your council has a fundraising event or other special event for the council, encourage everyone to help in some way, rather than leaving the work to those who attend meetings. We often will give service when asked, and we do need to be asked, and to ask all of our members to help in some way. Celebrate your members with recognition and especially with the Bellelle Guerin Award and the Maple Leaf Service Pin. Let the National Office know your highlights. Recognition is a way to let members know that they are appreciated.

Catch the Fire!!

Catch the Fire, the new program to deliver League material, was launched in 2012. We have two trainers from each diocese willing and able to spark up your councils by leading the *Catch the Fire* presentation. It is important to find time in your Diocese or areas of

the diocese to host this training. Funding is available from the National Development Fund for this training as long as the 'event' is exclusively for a *Catch the Fire* presentation. (It is possible to have your local meeting on the evening before and then meet the next day for 'Catch the Fire.')

We have already seen how this program has brought new life to councils. It is a valuable resource and our hope is that all members and many who are not members yet will attend the presentation.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports should cover the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Some of our smaller councils have a very challenging time completing them. Your organization chair could find time to phone those councils or chat by email; try to find out the highlights from that council and what are some of their challenges. This can fulfill your need for reports from each council. One of our dioceses divided the parish councils up among all of the Diocesan Officers and each member phoned their councils to keep in contact.

Written Annual Reports

- a. All Executive Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall submit a typewritten report compiled from reports submitted by Diocesan counterparts. The Alberta Mackenzie President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President shall also submit reports.
- b. Approximate deadlines:
 - Parish Council reports to Diocesan councils by December 31st
 - Diocesan reports to Provincial counterparts by February 15th
 - Alberta Mackenzie reports completed by March 15th
- c. Submit copies of each Annual Report as follows:
 - One copy to National counterpart
 - One copy to Alberta Mackenzie President
 - One copy to Alberta Mackenzie President-Elect for the Annual Report Booklet
 - One copy for individual files

From Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Policies

Thank you for your work and enthusiasm in the League. It is your witness to the vibrancy of the League in your life that draws members to the councils. That same positive witness is what encourages members to run for positions of leadership in the League. Please continue to do your good work – For God and Canada!

Submitted by

Cathy B.

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