

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



ORGANIZATION

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One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Organization
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Organization (for information)

FROM: June F., Provincial Chairperson of Organization

ATT: **Organization Standing Committee Chairperson**

Dear Sisters in the League:

This is the beginning of a very special year in our church life. Pope Francis as you know has declared this year an “Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy”. As we begin looking at membership renewal by inviting ladies to join our wonderful organization, we need to focus on the message that Pope Francis has passed on to all of us and how we can live out his message. We are opening doors and as we focus on our membership drives, let us be aware that we need to show that the Catholic Women’s League is a group of women embracing and supporting those most in need. Our work in the parish, not only benefits the needs of our church, but also the needs in our community and across Canada. As the largest women’s organization in Canada, we can make a difference, but this is only contingent on having the numbers. Each Catholic woman should be invited and shown the importance their membership can make for so many others.

This year our National President, Barb D., has asked members to undertake a national effort to walk with those who are sick and dying as we announce a subtheme for the year, “Palliative and Hospice Care”. We are called to use our voices in new and even more effective ways in outreach, ministry and education, and the sacrament of the dying. From prayer to parliament, our voices must be heard. For more information, please go to the National website <[ww.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)>.

The Father Walter Krewski Awards information on the web page has just been updated and I will be looking forward to receiving the information from all councils that have had increases in their membership in 2015. Three awards will be given out at the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Convention that will be held the beginning of June in Westlock, Alberta.

The purpose of these awards is to encourage all councils to promote the ‘League’ in their parishes and to recruit new members.

Here are the three categories for the Father Walter Krewski membership awards:

- 1. *The first award is for the greatest number of new members in the previous year***
- 2. *The second award is for the greatest increase in membership in the previous year***
- 3. *The third award is for the greatest percentage increase in membership in the previous year***

See <www.cwl.ab.ca/KrewskiAward.html> for criteria and forms.

I would also suggest that councils take the opportunity of downloading and showing the new “testimonials video” that has been put out by National CWL highlighting CWL members from across Canada and the reason that they joined the ‘CWL’. This could be a presentation at one of your meetings, or just informing members to watch the video on the National website. This is a great tool for recruiting new members.

Another great way of recruiting is hosting a “Catch the Fire” or “S’Mores” workshop to show the benefits of being a member of the Catholic Women’s League.

So with One Heart, One Voice, One Mission, let us continue to serve God in this “Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy”.

June F.

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