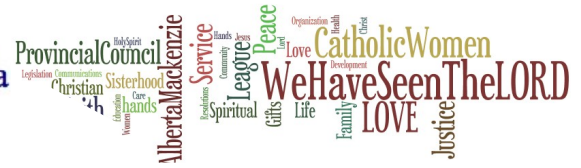


The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council  
Organization Standing Committee  
Communiqué #3  
December 2013**

Oh my goodness! It's December! Time to do the Annual Reports! You know you love to leave them until now because you and your executive like to do them in a scramble; some of us work better that way! Some of the rest have been working consistently on their reports throughout the year. As you know, the CWL has all kinds of members! Think about last year – what might have stopped some parish councils from sending you their information? We often hear – “We don't do much, not like the other councils.” If they are still open, they are doing something. One of our dioceses divided up each of the parish councils among the Diocesan Council Executive. Each executive member contacted and talked to their designated parish council president or past president. This is an excellent way to get input from each parish council.

While working on your reports, remember the criteria for the **Walter Krewski Awards** for membership. The Father Walter Krewski Awards are given annually to three councils in the Alberta Mackenzie area for increases in membership **during the previous** year. The Awards began in 2007 and are presented each year at the Provincial Convention. Please send that information in as well. The forms are on our website.

Each Parish Council President: record and submit the number of new members in the previous year. (Please note: New members are only those who have never held a C.W.L. membership before.)

Diocesan Council Treasurers or Organization Chairpersons.

Part I: recognize the council that had the greatest increase in membership for the previous year. This is for the council that not only strives to get new members but also works to have all current members renew each year.

Part II: recognize the parish council that has the greatest percentage increase in membership during the previous year. This award is for the small councils who do not have a large membership and also do not have a large parish population from which to recruit members.

The deadline for submission of this form is February 28th, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email.

At the Provincial Fall Meeting we discussed making some of our previous materials for leadership available for councils to access. There is a lot of good information even though newer material has been shared from the national council. Because the original material was copyright by the national office, we can't put it on our webpage. I will list the titles and give you a general idea of what is available. If you wish an electronic copy, please let me know and I can send it to you personally.

I will not list the programs that can be found on the revamped National website:  
<http://cwl.ca/resources/programs-and-workshops/>

Garden Workshop / Project GROW

Leadership Development Workshop 2010 – materials from BC & Yukon Provincial Council,

Leadership Workshop – Take that Seat – Edmonton Diocesan Fieldworkers – includes a PowerPoint

Pinwheels Workshop – Betty Anne Brown Davidson – Workshop on Communications

Christian Family Life Workshop – Sheila Houle

Women of Peace and Hope – Past President workshop – Ella Ell

Training Manual 1995

Part 1: Introduction and Basic Material, Organization, Public Speaking, Resolutions, Christian Family Life, Community Life, Communications, Effective Meetings,

Part 2: Spiritual Development, Organization – Effective Meetings (There is a section in here that would be excellent for a meeting for a new executive to get to know each other and your own gifts.) There is another section of skits on running a meeting that would be good for a diocesan executive to present at your Fall or Midwinter meetings.)

Finally, I encourage you to continue to host Catch the Fire! Sessions; we want to roll this out to as many members and possible members as possible. Diocesan Presidents and Diocesan Facilitators are in the process of making plan for the 2014 year. Please support them and share your ideas as much as possible.

May God bless you as you prepare for the Christ Child's re-birth in our lives.

Sincerely,

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President-Elect, Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council