

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



**ORGANIZATION**

**Communiqué #3**

***One Heart, One Voice, One Mission***

Date: October 10, 2016  
To: Diocesan Chairpersons of Organization  
CC: Parish Council Chairpersons of Organization, Provincial Executive,  
National Chairperson of Organization  
From: June F., Provincial President-Elect, Organization Chairperson

Sisters in the League:

*“John 3:18 - ... let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth”*

If we truly love Jesus, we will show it in deeds of compassion for His people. If we say we love Christ and do nothing to serve other believers, the reality of our love must be called into question.

The passage above from John definitely expresses what the Catholic Women's League is all about. We are woman joined together by our faith, rooted in gospel values, calling our members to holiness through service to the people of God.

As we begin our new year, we begin to think about our plans for the upcoming year and how we will carry out our many projects. Membership is always one of the main focuses for the *Organization* Standing Committee Chair. Questions arise about: How can we attract new members? How can we get members to renew their memberships? How can we get the ladies involved in the various activities? First and foremost, we need to be welcoming and we need to share our love of the League with others. Enthusiasm is a key component followed by a good understanding of the structure of the League, what our values are and what goals have we set are important. Study your *Constitution & Bylaws* and learn the Mission Statement and the history of the League, so that when ladies ask what we do and what our goals are, we have clear and precise answers for them.

Please be aware that Membership information for the 2017 season is scheduled to be released on October 15, 2016. All councils not enrolled in the online membership program will have a membership package sent to the parish council president via post. If you do not receive the membership package by November 4, please contact national office.

Annual Reports:

Starting this Fall, the new annual on-line report forms will be used. It is the hope that councils will find them more precise and easier to complete. There will also be spaces for comments. We hope that these annual reports will capture more information that can be shared at all levels of the League and will be less stressful to fill out.

Elsie Yanik Award:

Do you have someone in your council who has gone above and beyond the call of duty? Do you feel that they deserve to be recognized in a special way? If so, please consider nominating them for the Elsie Yanik award that will be presented at the Annual Provincial convention in June 2017. The criteria for this award are posted on the Provincial website <[www.cwl.ab.ca/ElsieYanikAward.html](http://www.cwl.ab.ca/ElsieYanikAward.html)>. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2016 and the application form needs to be sent to myself.

Father Walter Krewski Awards:

At our Provincial convention in June 2016, I had the pleasure of presenting three awards to three councils from the Edmonton Diocese that had achieved an increase in their membership from the previous year. Our Lady of the Angels council from Fort Saskatchewan had the greatest increase in new members. Parkland Holy Trinity council from Spruce Grove/Stony Plain had the greatest increase in membership, and St. Alphonsus council in Edmonton had the greatest percentage increase in membership. A total of 59 councils posted an increase in membership in the year 2015. Good work ladies! Please continue to promote the League and if you have an increase in membership for the year 2016, please ensure that the information is forward to me. Again, the information for these awards is posted on the Provincial website </www.cwl.ab.ca/KrewskiAward.html>.

In closing, I wish you a successful start to your new year and may you share the good news of the Catholic Women's League with your friends and family.

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