

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
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**Report**

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I begin with a quote from National Past President - Danielle McN.-H.: “As Past Presidents it is up to us not only to recognize leadership, but to be a role model to encourage and promote women to use their gifts and talents 'For God and Canada.’” As we near elections in some of our Dioceses it is incumbent on us to recognize the skills and talents of women who are essential for strong executives. Encourage these members to let their names stand for election identifying your reasons for your encouragement. The *National Manual of Policy & Procedure* (**Article XV – Eligibility, Nominations & Elections**) is your easy reference for the election process.

This fall I attended a session on Catholic Education called “Preserving the Privilege ..... Ensuring the Future!” I learned that when Alberta & Saskatchewan were formed, the guarantee of Catholic Education is what prevented them from becoming part of the U.S.

The National Ad Hoc Leadership Development Committee that I am on met in Winnipeg November 4 – 6, 2011 and we delivered a sample of *Catch the Fire*, the new leadership training program, to the National Executive. We have since completed the next pieces of that training package and February 29 I'm in Toronto to work on the second part of the training. The committee will launch *Catch the Fire* at the National Convention in August in Edmonton.

Each Provincial President was asked to recommend potential facilitators for the delivery of this training. Sheila asked me to make the recommendations on her behalf. Decisions will soon be made as to who is selected for each province. This person will have all their expenses paid to National Convention thereby showing National Council's commitment to Leadership Training.

I continue to collect provincial archive material and take photos.

This concludes my report,

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Handout: “In Praise of Church Ladies: They Made the World A Better Place”  
*Edmonton Journal*, January 13, 2012