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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

Vice President/Spiritual Development Report Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council Mid-Winter Meeting January 2012

Communiqués:

I have received two communications from Margaret Ann J., National Chairperson and will be forwarding them to my counterparts at the diocesan levels. Also, I hope to develop a Lenten prayer service, for council usage, by the middle of February.

Elsie Yanik Award:

We have received only one application for the Elsie Yanik award... so far

Scripture Studies:

Margaret Ann is encouraging Councils to make direct contact with Sr. Jocelyn Monette, the Executive Director of Catholic Biblical Association of Canada. She is a scripture scholar anxious to promote the study of scripture which is closely linked to our mandate.

I will send out the contact information in my next communiqué.

<web: www.catholicbiblical.ca>.

Recognition:

Congratulations to Catherine McN., Edmonton Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairperson, who received an Appreciation Award for herself and her council's work to promote the Rosary among school students in Red Deer and Sylvan Lake. Catherine and members of her council teach young children how to make rosaries and pray this wonderful devotional prayer of our church. About 1500 rosaries have been made and sent to people in approximately 12 developing countries chosen by the children. As the project increased, the council was joined by members from Sacred Heart Council and Secular Franciscans from Red Deer. The award was presented to Catherine and their council president Carmen S. at the 2011 Annual the Awards Banquet of the ACSTA Alberta Catholic School Trustees in Edmonton held in November. Thanks Cathy for this info.

Holy Land:

There is a need to encourage members to use their opportunity to petition our government to continue to influence the governments of the Holy Land to protect the rights of the Christians. Archbishop Smith just returned and states there are three things Canadian Catholics can do:

1) influence our Government, 2) make pilgrimages to the Holy Land, 3) become/remain informed of the reality of the plight of Christians in the Holy Land ... the number of Christians is decreasing most likely due to the pressures of other non-Christians, and Christians are leaving the area due to persecution. Suggestions for us are: 1) begin letter writing, 2) find ways of directly supporting those Christians in the Holy Land (i.e.: pen pals??), 3) What, if any, are the financial/living needs of these people? Perhaps we could have the Archbishop speak to us regarding the needs of this area.

New Materials:

Members have been asking for some new material for spiritual programs so this will become my special project; along with educating them regarding the changes to the Roman Missal. The new missal also has a mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel which I will encourage councils to request especially in April and at masses dedicated to the CWL (e.g. memorial masses).

National Convention 2012:

I will be looking for people to assist with the choir needs and various other duties for the week of convention in August. Lynne P. will be the director of this group.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam DeL.

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