



Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

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To: Parish Organization Chairpersons / Parish Presidents / Provincial President/
Provincial Executive / Life Members/ National Organization Chairperson

From: Liz Snook, Provincial Organization Chairperson

Behold, I make all things new. (Rev. 21:5)

As we start off anew in the Catholic Women's League, this September is especially new for me in a number of ways. I'm new to the provincial executive as well as new to the position of Organization. Please bear with me as I find my way on this journey and give me your support as we work for the League, God and Canada.

Membership

As of August 15, 2015 National membership totals 82,794 with 1,236 councils. Provincially, our membership is 590 with 20 councils. Maybe one incentive to increase membership could be if our parish councils could reach out with a personal letter or make personal contact to members of councils that have disbanded, and invite them to join an existing council in the nearby area. Remember, membership is not a monthly endeavour, it's ongoing. If your council has new ideas for recruiting, please share them with other councils.

The winter issue of *The Canadian League* will highlight the results of the hospitality survey that members completed. This survey could be used to gain insight into how well we welcome and care for our Sisters in the League. The survey can be accessed on the National website www.cwl.ca.

Members wishing to include articles in the *BeLeague* need to get these in by the end of October as Newfoundland and Labrador will be highlighted in November. Please send articles and news of your council's activities to our Chairperson of Communication.

Life Members

Thank you to our provincial Life Members Liaison Lidwina Critch for helping keep our Life Members and our councils informed. The life membership nomination and approval procedure has been updated and approved at the National Executive Pre-Convention meeting in August.

New forms for: Life Member Notice of Nomination for Life Membership; Nomination for Life Membership; Life Member Nomination Questionnaire, and Life Member Checklist for Provincial Councils were generated. These changes will become effective May 1, 2016.

Life membership is an honour and not intended to be a reward for years of service or as a retirement gift. Thoughtful consideration is to be given by councils nomination a life member.

League Development

Subsidies are available for League development for our members (check website www.cwl.ca Member Bursaries and Council Subsidies). Read and carefully follow the guidelines provided. Please continue to host orientation and programs that meet the needs of your members. Encourage attendance at such League functions as fall and winter meetings and conventions.

Other Items:

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy from December 8, 2015 through December 16, 2016. Your role as Chairperson of Organization is an important one and your ideas and those of your council will be of great benefit in the celebration of this Jubilee. Lets make this a wonderful and momentous endeavour. At our Fall Meeting in Grand Falls-Windsor in October, Father Critch, our new Provincial Spiritual Advisor will be speaking on "Year of Mercy". We look forward to his talk.

Thank you for all your efforts to make the Catholic Womens' League so successful. Thank you also to the new parish Chairpersons of Organization who have taken on this challenge within your councils for the next two years to help bring vibrancy to the League.

God Bless,

Liz