



Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Organization Communiqué #2
Inspired By the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call

To: Diocesan Counterparts (*For use for information to all parish councils*)
From: Glenda Carson, Nova Scotia Provincial Organization Chairperson
Date: February 20, 2017
Copied: Provincial President, Peggy MacNeil and Executive (for information)
National Chairperson, Anne Gorman (for information)

My dear sisters in the League,

Annual reports: The new annual report process appears to have been successful with a majority of parish councils submitting the forms electronically to National – congratulations for work well done. Some councils faced problems and had a need for support that usually was addressed through National. Parish councils should forward any concerns and suggestions for the new reporting system to National as soon as possible to ensure the process continues to be a positive change for this important process.

Membership: At the provincial retreat in October 2016, I explored with the Diocesan Organization chairs, Sonia Gaul and Cleo Windsor, the possibility of doing a survey of parish councils in relation to their strategies and suggestions for maintaining members. What has served them well and what has proven to be problematic. The results would be collated and put together as a resource for other councils to use, if desired. We will be starting this work after the Provincial executive meeting in February with the results to hopefully come to the Provincial convention in June.

Leadership: Please continue to promote the many resources on the National website for leadership training and member workshops, including the National Development Fund that will financially help councils put on leadership development events. As Diocesan Organization Chairs, you are positioned close to the day to day work of the parish CWL councils. This gives you an advantage to mentor parish council chairs and presidents in their enactment of meaningful and effective leadership activities. Also, our Life Members and Provincial Executive are available as mentors and are present to support councils at all levels with their knowledge and experience. Our leaders arise from our members in the parish CWL councils but need they nourishment that comes through these resources and activities to grow in knowledge and confidence.