



Communiqué from the Secretary's Desk

#1 June 2013

Dear Secretaries of the Grouard-McLennan Diocese,

Welcome to new secretaries and thanks to all who are returning for your hard work and dedication. I am sure that you all look forward to your position and to the next 2 years of CWL at the diocesan level under a new executive.

I would like to introduce myself, Donna P., as your diocesan secretary under the leadership of Linda VdB as President.

I have been a CWL member for 40 years, all served at St. Thomas More in Fairview. I have served on the parish, diocesan and provincial levels of the League in many capacities including Provincial President. I received my Life Membership in 2010. The next 2 years will be exciting with our National theme of "We have seen the Lord."

I encourage each secretary to refresh their memories by reviewing the secretary's role and responsibilities in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*, the *Executive Handbook*, and the *Constitution & Bylaws*.

Secretary's Minutes

#1. Remember to record what is done, not what is said.

#2. Remember that the secretary's minutes are really the history of the League and it is important to show names, dates, and information. It is at these meetings that the information received and discussed becomes part of the CWL history.

#3. Because important events often take place out of a meeting setting, no official record is kept of the proceedings. This is especially true of awards given at annual banquets, workshop events, or conventions. It is important to keep on record a summary of such events. In the case of awards, it is important to include the name, the award given and even a brief resume of the member's activities related to CWL.

Provincial Convention

I have just returned from the Provincial Convention held in Calgary June 7 & 8, 2013. There were 130 present. National President Betty Ann B.D. was in attendance. Speakers included Doreen B. of Newman Theological College, and Dr. Jerry T. of St. Mary's University of Calgary. Dr. Turcotte told us of the St. John's Bible that St. Mary's now has. It was commissioned by Pope Benedict XVI and is hand written and illustrated. It is so beautiful. If you ever get the chance, go to St. Mary's Library to see it.

Father Jim C., Provincial Spiritual Advisor stated, "Educate the clergy about the CWL."

Provincial Secretary Cathy B. stated "Secretaries, you can never be too over prepared."

Provincial Treasurer Ruth B. stated “Don’t just stock up and save your revenues, spend some on your members to go to meetings and conventions, to enjoy yourselves and for professional development.” Remember ‘Nickels for the North’ – this helps our sisters from the far north to attend meetings and conventions. Send the donations to the provincial treasurer.

Spiritual Development standing committee chair Pam DeL. reported that 181 CWL members across Alberta died last year. Will we have to recruit!

Father Walter Krewski Award Winners for membership were: St. Luke of Calgary – greatest number increase (28), St. Patrick Calgary – greatest number of new members (22), **Our Lady of Good Counsel, High Level** – greatest % increase (71%). *Congratulations High Level!*

Christian Family Life chair Gloria Lundberg suggested that each member spiritually adopt an unborn baby and pray for it.

Resolutions. Three were passed.

Elections – New Provincial Officers (2013-15)

President: Dorothy Johansen
Secretary: Suzanne Sherry
President-elect: Cathy Bouchard
Vice President: June Fuller
Treasurer: Yvette Foster
Standing Committee Chairs:
Ruth Boden
Gladys Brown
Shirley Hazen
Judy Look
Gloria Lundburg
Annamaria Matsui

Next year Grouard-McLennan is hosting the provincial convention. It will be in Grande

Prairie June 6 & 7, 2014. Let us show enthusiasm and warm hospitality!

From Donna P., Diocesan Secretary

Included in this newsletter:

- 1. Message from the President*
- 2. Message from the secretary*
- 3. News about the Faith Rally*

Hello CWL sisters.

I have included an invitation and a poster of events for our Faith Rally (Aug23-25/13). I would like all parishes to distribute the information. I HOPE MANY OF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME.

Note that we plan to have the CWL presenting *Catch the Fire* on Saturday evening. I hope this is a go.

Want to help out in any way? greeters, monitors, etc. We are planning on people volunteering for only an hour so they can participate in all the activities. Give me a call and we'll set up a time and a chore.

Thank you!

With faith,

Dorothy C.

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