



Grouard McLennan Diocesan Newsletter



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President's Message

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Upcoming events

November 20, 2010
Diocesan Executive Meeting in Grande Prairie

Spring Spiritual Workshop tentative date Feb. 19, 2011
to be in Grande Prairie

Diocesan Convention proposed date April 16, 2011
location to be announced.

Provincial Convention 2011 Fort Saskatchewan June 3-5,
2011

The Diocesan CWL still has **water bottles for sale**. They are stainless steel and have the CWL theme logo printed on them. Let us get rid of the expense of buying plastic and polluting the environment. How about using them as Christmas Gifts?

\$10.00 each.

Call Glenda B. or Donna P.

780-835-2890

780-835-5369

Thank you very much to the 30 women of faith who attended the fall workshop and to all who shared their faith stories.

We agreed at the meeting that it was exciting to hear each other's stories and we would encourage ALL COUNCILS to ask one member each meeting to share the story of their faith and their family with the other CWL members. It was especially enlightening to hear the immigrant women tell us of their hardships and adventures. We realized in my small group that Sexsmith and Berwyn have a few women from the Philippines and they are gifted with music and spiritual talents and we decided to make better contact with them to begin using their gifts more in the CWL and the parishes.

Donna will be giving you a summary of some of our CWL councils in the Diocese and what they want to see in the future.

We heard an excellent report from Christine Becher on the CWL national convention and she was able to tell us more about the new theme for 2011: *Women of Faith and Justice*. A full report will be in your Magazine. She did mention that there is a major problem with the return of magazines because of wrong addresses and wanted us ALL to make sure our member's addresses are all correct for the coming year.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to the Bishop and all the Priests who attended the Provincial Convention and also to send the letter to all our Priests who have faithfully been supporting CWL. We are also going to request



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that all our priests come and support us and we decided to give them time to talk at the beginning of the meeting and give us an inspirational message instead of letting them sit through all the business and then just ask for their blessing. Please ask your priest to prepare a nice talk and he will feel like coming and then you can ask questions and deepen your faith.

Please, please report your members who receive pins and special awards. Women centered in faith and justice need to be recognized and we are inviting you to send the names of anyone receiving a CWL pin or any special events to the e-newsletter on the CWL website. You can mail to

executiveassistant@cwlc.ca or call
1-888-656-4040

Diocesan President - Lucille Partington

Member addresses:

When submitting your per capita fees to the National Office make sure that the address is completely correct. It costs National a bundle to send out the magazine and have them returned due to wrong address. It is cheaper to have the post office recycle them.

Reminders: #1. The theme and theme logo you see at the top of this page will expire Dec. 30, 2010. The new National theme starting Jan.1, 2011 will be "*Centered in Faith and Justice*".

#2. In regards to keeping in touch through e-mail, it was suggested that councils create a Gmail account for the different positions. This account can be passed on to the next chair and the password can be changed. To create an account go to Google and search for 'gmail'. (This suggestion has come from the provincial council)

#3. From the National Website- On the 15th of the month the **e-newsletter** is available on-line at:

<http://www.cwl.ca/Media.html> The new name of the e-newsletter is '**Be League**'

- The e-newsletter is for less formal articles than the League magazine.

- When submitting photographs for the e-newsletter make sure that you have the 'subjects' written permission
<http://www.cwl.ca/enewsletter/July%202010/fromTheEditor.html>

#4. **Annual reports are coming up;**

Don't despair—celebrate what you do.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports deadline for January 1st to December 31st, 2010 is fast approaching.

The specified dates in the 2010 National Policy & Procedure Manual are on Page 68.



December 15, 2010: Parish Council President and Standing Committee Chairs submit reports to Diocesan President and Chairs.

February 15, 2011: Diocesan Chairpersons submit reports to Diocesan President and Provincial Chairpersons

March 1, 2011: Diocesan Presidents submit reports to Provincial President

March 15, 2011: Provincial Chairpersons submit reports to Provincial President and National Chairpersons

March 31, 2011: Provincial President submits report to National President

Per capita fees: Are due by Jan. 1, 2011. Try to submit council fees by Feb. 28, 2011 to the National Office.

Membership: On year end reports remember to report your membership changes to the provincial Organization Chair- report increases, and amount of new members. This is for the Walter Krewski Award from Provincial Council.

Notice of Motion

National Per Capita Fee Increase

Be aware that notice has been given for an increase in national per capita fee from \$8.00 to \$13.00. This will be an instructed vote at the 2011 national convention.

Diocesan Elections 2011

Reminder that at convention 2011 there will be executive elections. If you have been a parish president over the past 6 years and your term is finished, or if you have been on the diocesan executive during the past 6 years, you are eligible to let your name stand for 2011 elections. Please consider saying yes, as the diocese needs YOU.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Theresa's CWL Whitelaw

Even though our 7 members range from 56 to 86 years of age, we still manage to meet regularly for meetings. Members participate at Mass as altar servers, music leaders and readers. We are donating to Palliative Care for the Festival of Trees and donating to Cross Roads Women's Shelter at Christmas.

We have an invitation to join Fairview CWL for a meeting and Mass at harvest Lodge in November.

Happy Holidays and a Blessed Christmas

Cecelia P., President

Our Lady of Peace CWL-Peace River

We did the White Ribbon Against Pornography in October. The ribbon was 6 metres long and full of signatures. It was sent to the Prime Minister's office. In Nov. Sister Mary Jeanne Davidson will be speaking to us of her work in Little Buffalo and how we can assist with Christmas in that community. An Advent Twilight Retreat is planned for Dec. beginning with dinner at 5:30pm on Dec. 1.

President Julaine H.



St. Peter Celestin C.W.L. - Slave Lake celebrates 45 years this year.

We hope to have a special celebration at Mass on Sunday Dec. 5, 2010.

We have nine members and do what we can.

We have coffee and sandwiches the 1st Sunday of each month and three times a year we have a pancake breakfast. In April 2010 the C.W.L., K of C and Parish Council held a potluck supper in honour of Fr. Jeyepaul for the Year of the Priest. We held a 50/50 draw, raffled three baskets and raised over \$300 for Sr. Maureen in Haiti. In June the C.W.L. held a Father's Day Raffle. We donated \$400 to Sr. Maureen, \$200 to the Food Bank, \$200 to Kings Kitchen and \$300 to Slave Lake Prolife Organization.

Dianne C., President

St Patrick CWL -Rio Grande

Over the summer, the CWL looks after flowers and the church.

Beaverlodge CWL sent us an invitation for a potluck barbeque in June and a few members attended. We brought back the traveling Madonna with us, she was with us at Rio Grande until the middle August, we then went to Hythe with it and prayed the rosary there with CWL members and left it there.

At our October meeting with our new father Louis Saldanha present we did get to know him better as all members were present

We have a mission coming in November to Beaverlodge and area.

For December we planned a members and partner potluck supper and cards afterwards.

Until next time;

Mary L., President

Holy Rosary C.W.L. Crooked Creek

The Holy Rosary CWL council has four paid up members from our small area. One of our members, Cathy Klassen, is the Secretary-Treasurer for the Holy Rosary Parish Church at Crooked Creek. Members serve as Sacristan and Lector on a regular basis. After Sunday Mass at 2 pm we often have potluck meals with all CWL members participating along with many parish members.

For the past several summers we have held a Bible Camp for area children. In the summer of 2010 Lucille Partington and Father Clifford lead the teaching of the children. Mass was celebrated daily. Five children celebrated First Communion at the end of the Bible Camp. Children came from DeBolt, Crooked Creek, Bezanson, Sexsmith and Grovedale to take part. On the final evening the parish Community came together to celebrate Mass and stayed afterwards for a barbecue supper.

We have been faithfully praying for the success of the Diocesan mission for many months.

We're hoping to get more CWL members for 2011.

We may be a small parish but we are mighty in Spirit!

~ submitted by Doreen K.

Information from Fall Workshop

1. Thank you to all priests that attended the Provincial Convention in Fairview.
2. A successful Golf Tournament was held as a fund raiser for the Grouard Church to replace the roof.
3. Reminder for the Frances Pronovost CWL Scholarship. Have applications in by end of June 2011.
4. The new Newman Theological College being built in Edmonton in naming the chapel "Our Lady of Good Counsel".