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Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



TO: Base Councils Presidents, Military Ordinariate Administrative Committee

FROM: Military Ordinariate Provincial President

DATE: August 27, 2018

MEMO: # 2 (2018-2020)

SUBJECT: Welcome Back, National Administration Team, News from National Convention

ATTACHMENTS: 2

Dearest Sisters in Christ and Spiritual Advisors,

Welcome back to routines, as most councils take a break in the summer and resume activities in September, this marks the new beginning of a CWL season. I hope you are returning refreshed and renewed.

It was my privilege to represent you at the 98th annual Catholic Women's League convention in Winnipeg. What a great convention! This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Catholic Church in western Canada and Winnipeg is where it all began. If you have ever attended mass in a church in western Canada, you have the early missionaries and Father Provencher, to thank! I am thankful for the opportunities to get to know our national executive and the networking benefits that come with our meetings. It is truly a blessing to see the "big picture" of what the League is and is doing. In addition to newly elected officers, we also welcome a new National Spiritual Advisor.

This is your National Administration team for 2018-2020:

(Provinces in brackets indicate the province in which they live)

Bishop Steven Jensen (British Columbia)	National Spiritual Advisor
Ann Gorman (New Brunswick)	President
Fran Lucas (Alberta)	President Elect
Margret Ann Jacobs (Ontario)	Past President/ Laws
Shari Guinta (Ontario)	1 st Vice President/ Spiritual Development
Doreen Gowans (British Columbia)	2 nd Vice President/ Communications
Janet McLean (Quebec)	Secretary/Treasurer
Pat Deppiessé (British Columbia)	Christian Family Life
Marie Rackley (New Brunswick)	Community Life
Faith Anderson (Manitoba)	Education and Health
Cathy Bouchard (Alberta)	Resolutions

Betty Colaneri (Ontario)	Legislation
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STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022

“Know well the conditions of your flocks and give attention to your herds.” Proverbs 27:23

The following information, is in no way intended to be perceived as a complete depiction of the Strategic Planning that is being undertaken by our League, but rather an update and opportunity to share some news. Further information will be available soon on the national website (www.cwl.ca)

Information was presented at convention outlining the findings of the “Presidents Three” (Barbara Dowding, Margaret Ann Jacobs, and Ann Gorman) and the steering committee for the strategic planning that has been in the works for these last two years. A mailout, sent from the National Office, will be providing all parish councils with information on their findings. The mailout is expected to be sent to you early this fall. In addition to the mailout, Allison Klemen, MO President-Elect and Organization Chair, and I will be contacting each base council president and arranging to share the PowerPoint presentation with you. As you will remember, members across the country took part in the strategic planning through the Town Hall forum, in person and online, at the 97th annual Convention in Charlottetown, through online surveys and at provincial and diocesan conventions. The booklet that is being sent to you, will provide you with the results of the members’ input and outline the 5-year plan for implementation. With the delivery of these findings, the preliminary information gathering is complete. Our organization is now moving into the implementation process; that is, to determine how our core values and purpose will be accomplished. The National office is accepting applications for the Implementation Committee. The job description and criteria are being sent to you with this memo. It is an exciting opportunity to make a difference to the future of our League.

In addition to plans for changing some of the ways we do business in the future, some of the language we use regarding our League’s purpose, values and Mission Statement, changes have also been adopted to reflect the League of today

(excerpt from the Catholic Women’s League of Canada-Strategic Plan 2018-2022):

CORE PURPOSE (the reason an organization exists)

Uniting Catholic Women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church Canada and the world.

CORE VALUES (the fundamental beliefs of an organization that dictate the behavior of its membership)

- FAITH – following Catholic teaching
- SERVICE- local, national and international
- SOCIAL JUSTICE- actively involved in society

MISSION STATEMENT (a short statement that identifies the scope of an organization's operations, i.e.: what it does and how it is accomplished)

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through service and ministry.

ENVISIONNED FUTURE (a vivid description of what the organization strives to become)

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic Women inspired by faith.

It is:

A vital participant in the church;
A valued partner for social justice;
A respected advocate at all government levels;
Connected to the world.

I encourage anyone who has apprehension and anxiety regarding the changes and processes being undertaken by the League, to reach out to me for clarification and information. Pray for courage and zeal and trust that the Spirit has plans for us; we continue to be His hands and feet on earth- in our personal lives and in our League work.

Your Sister in Christ,

Tawnya Stringer