

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



VICTORIA DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Provincial theme: Leading with Courage

Diocesan theme: Here I am Lord

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To: Presidents and Communication Chairpersons (for action)

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Provincial Chairperson (for information)

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Blessings and welcome to the almost Advent and Christmas seasons. Hard to believe it is only 48 days to end of 2017 and only 30 days until Christmas!

We are all being asked to reflect on our accomplishments for 2017 and to send our Communication summary reports on line to survey.cwl.ca. Your membership number is your ID and the password is the membership number and your initials. Be sure to print and save a copy for yourselves. Once they are entered the results will be sent to Provincial and Diocesan.

This has been a busy year for us all with highlights including our Panel Discussion on Euthanasia and Palliative care and the follow-up Commitments many Councils made. Our Commitment tree at the Fall Interim meeting spoke to the impressive ways our Councils embraced this idea.

Ascension Parish invited all Councils to take part in a informative Presentation by Sharon Ciebin and Barbara Renaud on link between Pornography and Human trafficking. We all came away with a renewed commitment to help enlighten our Councils on this terrible addiction.

In 2018 National Communication Chair Shari Guinta has confirmed this will continue to be a priority for the CWL.

The natural progression from this problem is linked often with Mental illness which will be another component of Health and Education as well as Communication for 2018. We suggest you research this issue in your community and invite experts on Mental illness and how it has impacted all ages from teens and addiction to Seniors who are contemplating Euthanasia.

In the fall edition of Catholic Women's League magazine, the results of the webinar workshop were broken down at the back of the magazine. In all questions at the top of the list was "better more effective communications".

Our new website was delayed and will now be launched in January 2018. We will need your input and suggestions to truly make it user friendly. Our National website cwl.ca is full of useful information, reports and ideas to help get the ideas flowing.

Congratulations to Gerry Haywood who started a Facebook page at St. Joseph the Worker. This is a great idea with the right privacy settings for all Councils to update easily. Photos should be taken at your key events on your smart phone and up loaded to me for inclusion on the Website.

To quote Pope Francis: "Emails, text messages, social networks and chats can also be fully human forms of communication. It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use it wisely..."

Message for World day of Social Communication Jan. 2016

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.



