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“Centred on Faith & Justice”

I would like to congratulate all our councils on the many ways in which your actions indicate that you are “Centred on Faith & Justice.” Please make sure that you take time to read the reports in the Annual Convention Book; we don't realize just how much we do for our church and communities until we actually start writing it down. Even the smallest and “least active” councils do wonderful work. Thank you!

Hopefully every parish had at least one member attending the convention workshop on “Developing a Safe Parish Community - Preventing Sexual Abuse in Your Parish”. Remember to share the information learned. This will be ongoing within our parishes; it is good to be both aware and part of what is planned.

The vote on the increase to the national *per capita* fees takes place at the convention in St Paul. Parish Presidents or their designate will vote as instructed by your Parish Council. We are also be holding elections for the Diocesan Officers for the next two year term. Thank you to all those who have agreed to let their names stand; we all appreciate your dedication and commitment. The results of these votes will be available at the completion of the convention and will be shared with all members

Parish Presidents - you will soon be receiving a package from Mary M., Chair for the Cornerstone of Faith Campaign which is for the funding for the building of the new St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College. The package will contain a letter for each member of your council to distribute if possible at your meetings. If any letters have to be mailed, Mary will refund postage costs, just send her a receipt.

To touch very briefly on some of the upcoming events that you all need to be aware of:

The **Provincial Convention is set for June 3 & 4, 2011 in Fort Saskatchewan**. Information and registration forms have been sent to all councils and are also available on the Provincial website, www.cwl.ab.ca . This convention is close to home and promises to have excellent speakers. I hope to see as many of you as possible in attendance.

Information on the National Convention is in your latest copy of *The Canadian League* magazine. It will be held in Toronto on August 14-17, 2011.

The **Provincial Convention in 2012** is being held in the St. Paul Diocese. Whitecourt has been chosen as the hosting location by Provincial but as this event is hosted by the St Paul Diocesan Council, the convention planning committees will consist of members from throughout the diocese. Planning will need to get underway within the next couple months; if you are interested participating in the planning please let us know.

I would also like to remind you that 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the CWL's beginnings in Edmonton. In celebration of this memorable milestone and as a fund raiser for the **National Convention 2012** in Edmonton, their Diocesan CWL is hosting a **CWL Centennial Gala** on February 11, 2012. Save the date; and watch for more details in the coming months.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your confidence and assistance over the past two years. It has been an honour to serve you as your President, and was only possible because of the support I received throughout my term. Congratulations to Lynne R, our new Diocesan President. I look forward to the next two years as Past-President and continuing to grow in the League.