

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**The Diocese of St. Paul**

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President's Report  
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**“Centred on Faith & Justice”**

I would like to welcome you all to the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Paul Diocesan Convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to be here with us.

Once again, 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!

Yesterday we held our workshop with Joe McM on “Developing a Safe Parish Community - Preventing Sexual Abuse in Your Parish”. This will be ongoing within our parishes; it is good to be both aware and part of what is planned.

At the Pre-convention meeting yesterday evening, your Diocesan Executive voted on who they would like to see as part of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council for the next two years. This is an instructed vote and will be taken by Lynne to the provincial convention in June. As I am sure most if not all of you are aware that our own Sheila H will be installed as president at the provincial level during that convention as well.

This afternoon we will vote on the increase to the national *per capita* fees; your Parish President or their designate will vote as instructed by your Parish Council. We will also be holding elections for the Diocesan Officers for the next two year term. I would like to thank all those who have agreed to let their names stand, we all appreciate your dedication and commitment.

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 is also available on the Provincial website, [www.cwl.ab.ca](http://www.cwl.ab.ca) . We do have a few packages available at this convention if anyone should want a hardcopy. 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. I would like to thank Whitecourt and Westlock for offering to host this event. I sent the information to Fran L., Provincial President, after the meeting in February and received word back from her in mid-March indicating that Whitecourt has been chosen as the location for the 2012 Convention. As this event is hosted by the St. Paul Diocesan Council, the convention planning committees will consist of members from throughout the Diocese as well as from Whitecourt. 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CWL 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. I look forward to the next two years as Past President and continuing to grow in the League.

This concludes my report.

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