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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Centred on Faith and Justice

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To: Chairperson of Communications / Parish Presidents / Provincial President
Provincial Executive / Life Members (For Information)
National Chairperson - Communications

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Enclosure: Article from St. Pius X Church Bulletin

“The reality of prayer can be proved only by praying.” Sherwood Eddy

Greetings and blessings of the new year to you all. I extend a special welcome to all new executives and new league members.

Be-League:

The February 2012 issue of the Be-League will highlight the Newfoundland and Labrador Catholic Women's League' initiatives in the Women Against Poverty campaign. Over the past few weeks, councils have responded to the call for articles and pictures of their councils' projects. As a provincial council, we should all be proud of ourselves and the League for all we have done in the abolition of poverty. The February issue should be available on the National website www.cwl.ca by the middle of February.

Also, we are all reminded of our continuing ability to submit articles for the e-newsletter Be-League. This is a wonderful forum in which we can share and promote the work that we are doing “For God and Canada”.

Membership:

January is membership month. Throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, we have been challenged to maintain and increase our league membership. Councils and members have been creative in how they have attempted to recruit new members. The St. Pius X council in St. John's recently collaborated with the parish priest to utilize the front page of the weekly church bulletin to provide information about the league to the parishioners and to invite all women of the parish to become league members. Attached is the article that was published in the bulletin. Others may choose to use this, modifying it to reflect their own councils, and use it to promote membership within their own parishes.

I would encourage councils to share their creative attempts so that we may all learn from it. Write ups of recruitment strategies could be shared on the provincial website.

Winter Meeting 2012:

The Winter Meeting is scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2012 at Corpus Christi Parish in St. John's.

Mary Goss Award:

The Provincial Catholic Women's League has announced the Mary Goss Award, to be given each year to the Catholic Women's League Council with the greatest increase in new members. Mary Goss was our first Provincial President (1980). She served on the National Catholic Women's League Executive as Chair of Resolutions.

Council News:

- ❖ Congratulations to the Catholic Women's League of Holy Family parish in Paradise on receiving the Membership Renewal Award. Their council received \$250.00 for having 50% of their membership renewed and fees paid to National, the first across Canada via regular mail.

- ❖ Congratulations to Mary McGuire of St. Paul's Council of St. John's on receiving the Bellelre Guerrin Award. Mary has been a dedicated member of the Catholic Women's League for 29 years!

Chain Emails and Viruses:

More and more in this age of technology, we use the email as an efficient form of communication. Recently, there seems to be an increase in the circulation of "spam" and "chain" mail. Oftentimes, these come in the forms of seemingly pleasant inspirational reflections. Unfortunately, they often carry viruses that can result in significant and costly damage to the receivers' computer system. Within the League, we are encouraged to refrain from sharing these types of emails. The positive intent of sharing the inspirational or humorous email may come at an unwanted cost to the recipient.

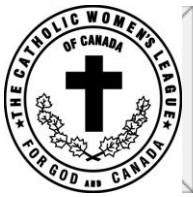
Thus far, the Canadian government has focused on the commercial use of spam email. **Bill C-28**, the **Fighting Internet and Wireless Spam Act (FISA)**, is Canada's anti-spam legislation that received royal assent on December 15, 2010. To date, there is no legislation that governs the use of spam mail for non-commercial purposes.

Just a reminder for all members to use the provincial website www.cwl.nl.ca to stay informed of provincial and council news. Submissions for posting to the website can be made to Lenora Furey, who while far from home, continues to provide this very valuable service and maintains the website.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Mt.5:6

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and bless you.

Ruby Sharpe



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Catholic Women's League

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary"
-Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

Every woman in our parish community is invited to become a member of The Catholic Women's League!

Since the inception of this national organization in 1920, Catholic Women's League members have been actively working "For God and Canada." The pioneers of this organization worked closely with immigrants to help them adjust to a foreign land. As the church and the League grew, members continued to look at the needs of both the local and broader community and set into motion activities that alleviate the anguish and suffering of those less fortunate.

Today, we see members involved in every aspect of community and parish life. Most of you know that we support all life issues, but did you know that we also support women's programs in developing countries through MaterCare International, Coady International Institute and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace? Did you know that locally, we support children's literacy programs, the Gathering Place, Right to Life Association, socials at St. Patrick Mercy Home, visitation to sick members at hospital and at home, Parish Christmas bazaar, school supplies for children in neighborhood schools, and families in need?

You know that members hold bake sales to raise funds for their many social justice outreach programs, but did you know that members of the national and provincial executive meet annually with federal and provincial government ministers on issues raised by our resolutions which, in recent years, have included religious freedom, renewable energy, farmers' rights, abolition of the death penalty, suicide prevention, child poverty, abolition of child pornography in all forms especially on the web, destruction of human embryos, children of missing and murdered aboriginal women, National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Registry, caffeine in energy drinks and protection of human life?

IF you believe in the sanctity of human life,
IF you want to develop a deeper spiritual life,
IF you uphold the dignity of all human beings,
IF you believe women play an important role in church and society,
IF you strive to set a Christian example in your home and work place,
IF you believe in Catholic education and affordable health services,
IF you believe in the power of prayer,
THEN you belong with us!

We want to give you this opportunity to share your God-given gifts with us as we try to affect change in our parish, community, Canada and in those countries that have not been blessed with the abundance we enjoy in Canada. You are encouraged to find out more by talking to one of the members located at the church and chapel entrances, by visiting the Catholic Women's League link on the parish website www.spx.ca or by requesting a copy of the 2011 Annual Catholic Women's League - St. Pius X Newsletter.

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