

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
Centred on Faith & Justice
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Communiqué #1

To: Parish President-elect and Chairperson of Organization
Provincial Officers and Standing Committee Chairs (for information)
National President-elect (for information)

From: Rita Janes, Newfoundland and Labrador Chairperson of Organization

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. Luke 12.48

Greetings!

Who Am I? I am Rita Janes (McCarthy), married to Jack for 48 years, mother of Robert (Joanne), David (Joanne) and Jacqui, and grandmother to two beautiful 10-year old girls, Emma and Trinity Anne. I am a 30-year member of the St. Pius X CWL, serving as President for four years and presently Past President. In other volunteer work, I am completing six years as Chair of St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation and this fall accepted to serve as Chair of the Board for the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice. I represent CWL on the Parish Council and also Chair the 50th Anniversary Committee for my parish. In my work life I enjoyed being a mathematics teacher of children and adults for many years.

League Leadership Development/ Workshops

Leadership development is key to the future of the League. As Chair of Organization I look forward to working with every parish council to provide leadership development for your members. National provides a number of resources to help in this regard. I would like to tailor these to your specific needs. Please contact me by September 27 at ritajanes@nf.sympatico.ca, or 709 722 3860 and we can plan a workshop together to learn practical leadership skills, share ideas, grow in faith, foster league friendships and have some fun. We can also arrange a date that is suitable to you and a facilitator. Life members and past provincial executive members can help as facilitators of these workshops.

If there are other workshops you would like for your parish council please let me know. Visit the links to the different National Committees at www.cwl.ca and you will get ideas of workshops available, but don't be limited by these lists. We can work together to provide a workshop suitable for your Council. I hope to hear from you soon.

Membership

- At the National Convention the following statistics were shared:
- As of December 31, 2010, the total membership in the National CWL was 95,156; and 1285 Councils. For Newfoundland and Labrador the membership was 918 and 27

Councils. Let's see how we can increase these numbers during the 2011-12 years and very importantly encourage all our members to take on leadership roles in our Council.

- A motion was passed unanimously (National Convention, 2011) by all provinces to increase the per capita fee from \$8 to **\$13 effective January 2012**. Keep this in mind when collecting your 2012 membership dues.
- At the National Convention in Toronto this summer, National office announced that \$250.00 would be given to the first two councils who have 50% of their memberships renewed for 2012 and received at National office. The \$250.00 is to go to an anti-poverty campaign for your Council.
- Encourage your Council to use **On-Line Membership** to submit member registrations. To get started contact National Office to register your council, fill in the form, return it to National office and then you will be set up to enter your 2012 membership. Share experiences you are having with on-line membership.

Marketing the League

- The publication "**Leading the League**" suggests September and October are times for us to market the league. President Lidwina and I wrote to the Bishops of Grand Falls and Corner Brook/Labrador, along with the parish priests in these two dioceses who do not have a CWL Council, requesting that they encourage and support sending one or two women in their parish to the Fall meeting in Grand Falls or the June Conference. Similar letters will be sent to the Archbishop and priests of the St. John's Diocese inviting women to attend the Winter or June Conference. Hopefully this will create interest in our faith based League.
- Ideas for clips to include in your parish bulletin were sent to each President in an earlier email/letter. I hope you are finding these useful.
- One of the best ways to recruit new members is by personal invitation, accompanied by an invitation card available from the National Store on-line (Resource/Price List # 36). You can also present a prospective member with a one year gift certificate which pays the membership fees for the first year (Resource/Price List #82).

Parish Council Reports for Fall Meeting

In an earlier email/letter I sent you a Report form to complete for the Fall meeting. You will be able to use this for the Year End Report also.

Parish Council Anniversaries – Congratulations!

This past year the following Councils celebrated anniversaries:

Our lady of Assumption(Wabush) (40 years)

St. Patrick's (St. John's) (30 years)

Our Lady of Lourdes (Lourdes) (25 years)

Corpus Christi (St. John's) (15years)

St. Theresa's (St. John's) (15years)

During this year the following Councils will celebrate anniversaries and will be presented with certificates at the June Conference:

St. Joseph's, Harbour Breton (35 years)

St. Thomas of Villa Nova (30 years))

Holy Family, Paradise (30 years)

Holy Trinity, Torbay(25 years)

St. Anne's, Conception Harbour (20 years)

Mary Queen of Peace, St. John's (20 years)

St. Joseph's, Windsor(20 years)

Bellelle Guerin Award

Consider awarding the Belle Guerin Award to a faithful (over 25 years), active and "exemplary member...who does not and will not qualify for life membership in the League." She would be someone "who is unable to provide service at the national level, as a life member" (National Manual of Policy and Procedure, p. 29.).

Life Member Liaison

We are pleased that Marie Raymond accepted to be the Life Member liaison to the Provincial League Executive and will be a wonderful resource to all of us.

Look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting, Grand Falls, October 14-15, 2011.

Blessings of these beautiful September days,

Your Sister in the League

Rita Janes