



Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Centred on Faith and Justice

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To: Parish President /Provincial Executive / Life Members (For Information)

From: Provincial President

Enclosure: Faith and Justice Items in the News
Letter from National President

My Dear League Sister,
Happy New Year to each of you. May you experience peace, joy and good health during the coming year. I am writing this communique to you on the beautiful feast of Epiphany, Old Christmas Day. As the Magi came to the stable at Bethlehem to visit the newborn baby and offer gifts, I pray for two things for you. That you experience the present of presence in your life, those good friends and family members to spend time with you in times of joy and sorrow. The other prayer is that you be that present of presence to those around you who are in need of your time and loving compassionate touch.

Each week this month parish councils will be getting back to League work after a well-deserved Christmas break. There are a few items that I wish to bring to your attention.

1. Winter Meeting

Our winter executive meeting will be held in St. John's on March 23 and 24, 2012. The meeting will be held at Corpus Christi parish. We are hoping to accommodate a small amount of interested members in addition to Provincial Executive and Parish Presidents. You will receive more information on this with the notice of meeting and tentative agenda.

2. Items of Faith and Justice.

As your Provincial President, I receive a copy of a Catholic Newspaper called *The Prairie Messenger*. This paper contains many articles that I am sure will be of interest to our members. I have enclosed my first installment of what I call *Items of Faith and Justice*. I plan to post this on our website now and then every few weeks follow with updates. Of course, I will mail paper copies to those without internet access.

3. Women Against Poverty International Project

I have attached a copy of a letter from our National President explaining this project to you. This is not a National Voluntary Fund and your council's decision to fund or not fund is strictly your council's decision. How you disperse your funds is naturally done after you carefully consider your budget and determine where you want to contribute. The needs in the birth place of our faith are great and any funds you decide to contribute should be sent to national office earmarked for this special fund.

4. Communiques

Your provincial committee chairs should be in touch very soon with directives and suggestions for the coming months. Please give consideration and your best efforts to furthering the work of the League. As president, if you are the person who receives these communiques please pass them on to the appropriate chairpersons, and discuss them in executive and regular meetings. If there is no chair for a particular committee then you as president should take the lead on that communique. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

5. Dates to highlight on your calendar:

February Month: NL Women against Poverty Projects Highlighted in *Be League*

February 2: Candlemas Day Feast of the Presentation

February 11: World Day of the Sick & Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 14: St. Valentine's Day

February 22: Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins

March 1, 2, 3: National Winter Meetings in Toronto

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 19: Feast of St. Joseph

March 23, 24: Provincial Winter Meetings in St. John's

Please keep me and my family in your prayers. May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you all.

Yours in the League,

Lidwina Critch