



Sheila H.  
President  
Alberta Mackenzie  
Provincial Council

How very proud I was to be your Provincial President during this special time – the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Edmonton’s CWL, as well as during such a wonderful National Convention. I am still getting emails congratulating the Edmonton Diocese on their dedication and hard work in making the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Convention one that will long be remembered by all who attended. Great job, well done!!

“Catch the Fire” is the new workshop for promoting The League that was presented the day after convention. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm as 113 participants sought to learn the basics so that they can be presented to all members across this great country of ours. There is help available, so don’t be afraid to seek it out. Join together with other councils – parish or diocesan – and obtain the necessary funding grants.

‘Centred on Faith & Justice’ is our theme for the remainder of this year, and starting in January we will begin with the new one: “We Have Seen the Lord.” We will be receiving further information on this theme and new logo after the National Fall Meeting in October.

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the prayers, assistance, and love that I have received this past year from all my Sisters in Alberta Mackenzie and the rest of Canada. Know that you will always be in my prayers and in my heart. Merci mille fois!!

God bless  
Sheila M. H., President  
Alberta Mackenzie



Dorothy J.  
President Elect – Organization

At National Convention: A motion was carried to establish a private charitable foundation in partnership with the Sisters of Service. As part of their legacy, the Sisters are giving \$500,000 to begin this new foundation which would support Catholic women with leadership training. To support this vision, a commitment was made to give the Foundation \$100,000 initially and to raise additional funds from donations from individual CWL members and Councils.



Catch the Fire!  
The new national  
Development Program

is ready for you. Plan to attend! It will start this fall and each Diocese has at least two facilitators to help you Catch the Fire! Contact your diocesan Organization chairperson for details or to book a session in your area.

**The Day the CWL Came to Town!**  
Another birthday? Can’t decide what to get?

How about getting yourself a “Shop and Drop” for the “Day the CWL Came to Town!”  
Go to a store and buy items that a shelter for either men, women, or children might need. Buy what you can afford, or have your friends and family give you some of these items for your birthday. Drop them off at the shelter itself, or a satellite drop-off point located in your community. Tell them it is from you for the “Day the CWL Came to Town!” Take a picture of you on your Big Day shopping and dropping!

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## STAY CONNECTED

VISIT:

[www.cwl.ab.ca](http://www.cwl.ab.ca)

[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)



A suggested list of items is below:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Disposable Shavers
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Liquid Hand/Body Soap
- Hand Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer
- Machine Washable Bed Pillows
- Underwear (Small and Medium are appreciated)
- Socks
- Mittens/Gloves
- Toques

You can buy the largest most economical size of care products or packages of items as they distribute them in smaller portions as required.



Ruth B.  
Treasurer

I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful summer!

NEW for the coming year is the change in *per capita* fees from \$8.00 to \$13.00 effective January 1, 2012 which was carried unanimously at the 91st annual national convention in Toronto on August 16, 2011 by the 11 provincial presidents.

NEW for 2011 is the latest Provincial Initiative which is called "Nickels for the North." This initiative came about for a couple of reasons: ...

The Celebrate the North Funds that were collected from the sale of the CWL name tags are no longer being collected and distributed to our northern Sisters in the League. National has taken over the sale of the name tags as it was a worthwhile venture, but we couldn't find anyone to replace the wonderful lady (Gloria Z.) who administered it for all those years.

The Provincial Executive decided it was time to bring our charity back home for a period of time.

The Nickels for the North will be distributed to the north twice a year and will be for our Northern Sisters to be able to travel to meet with each other more often than once per year. As it is right now the President can't afford to travel to the parishes to meet with her ladies.

Just a note – Please ensure that all cheques sent to Provincial Council are paid to:

Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL

We are all getting back to our roles in CWL and Treasurer is a very important one.

We are responsible for handling the funds of our League but we sometimes forget that we are also accountable to our members.

You may be wondering "What does that mean?" Well, it simply means that we should prepare an annual budget for our members to approve; and we should also prepare a report to present to the members at each meeting. The budget can be a simple one-page document outlining what your Council expects to earn and spend for the coming year. The report presented at the regular meeting, will compare what was actually spent to what you expected to spend.

Although membership doesn't fall under our standing committee, we have a vested interest in it. Diocesan and Provincial councils do not fund raise, and therefore are dependent on *per capita* fees for our continued operations. Encourage new members and get your *per capita* fees in early.

Reporting time is just a couple of months away. Please strive for 100% reporting from your parish councils. I have heard from some Diocesan Treasurers that it is difficult to get some of the reports from parish councils.

Please take that extra step to give your parish councils who are struggling with providing the reports and offer assistance in developing

their reporting processes. This could take the form of a simple phone call, or providing a workshop at your fall meeting if you have one.

I have included a Workshop Package used at the 2010 Provincial Convention for you use as you see fit. It may help in providing workshops if you choose to take that route.

Our National office cannot provide accurate figures without full reporting from parish to diocese to provincial.

Also, a reminder to Parish Treasurers to complete the Report of National Voluntary Funds along with your regular year-end Treasurer's report. A copy of the report is included on page 16 of the workshop package.

Please refer to the *Guidelines for Treasurers* for answers to many of your questions. Also, you can contact me at any time with concerns or questions.

God Bless

Ruth B.



Cathy B.  
Secretary

WRITING LETTERS – something interesting to answer a question you didn't even know you had!

In preparation for this article, I visited other CWL Provincial websites. (Why would we recreate something that another sister in the League has already written?)

I take this information from The Ontario Provincial website and their recording secretary; Glenda K.

Visit

<http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/personal/guides/addressing.jsf>

and review these tips for addresses:

1. Put information such as title, floor, etc. above the street address.

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2. Put a hyphen after the apartment number and before the street number.
3. Put the city, province and postal code on the same line.
4. Put two spaces between the postal code and the province.

In another place, it is suggested that you print all your labels in capital letters unless you have another preference – sometimes, the block letters don't fit on the label. If you are using a street number, this should always come on the line before the RR or PO Box number. Use the street address if known and omit the RR numbers if you wish. If using a PO Box number, it is okay to omit the street address – the postal code is tied to where it is delivered. You will see in this example that there is no punctuation used.

We are asked to leave off the # signs in RR and PO Box numbers. Since the mail is now sorted electronically, it will move faster if you correctly use the province short forms of BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PE, NL, YT, NT, NU; as well as the street type, a few of which are: AVE, BLVD, CRT, CRES, DR, HWY, RD, ST. As an additional bonus for using the abbreviations for envelopes and for lists, your printer cartridge will last longer.

JANE JONES  
157-63 MAIN ST  
RR 4  
LONDON ON N3H 5TZ

In addressing a Bishop or Cardinal, the correct addressing format to use is:

Most Rev. Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton,  
Pastoral and Administration Offices  
8421-101 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6A 0L1

This address would be followed by one of the following salutations: Your Grace ... or Dear Archbishop Smith ... then the body of your letter.

In spoken conversation, you would call your bishop "Bishop (last name)"

or "Your Excellency." In opening a letter, you would put "Dear Bishop (last name)" or "Your Excellency" ("Dear" is not used in front of "Your [title]"). In addressing an envelope you would put on the first line "The Most Rev. (full name)" "Bishop of (diocese)."

Archbishops follow the same protocol as bishops. Cardinals are addressed as "Cardinal (last name)" or "Your Eminence." Letters to cardinals open "Dear Cardinal (last name)" or "Your Eminence." In addressing the envelope the first line would read "(first name) Cardinal (last name)" or "Cardinal (full name)"; the second line would read "Archbishop (or Bishop) of (archdiocese or diocese)."

For permanent Deacons, letters addressed to them would be to the attention of 'Mr. John Brown' and in person, 'Deacon Brown' is best. Transitional Deacons should be addressed as 'Rev. John Brown' as they are about to be ordained as a Priest.

In 'Googling' the topic "writing letters", you can find several very helpful sites. They include the correct formation of a letter and how to write a letter of apology, an invitation, a thank you, among others. You can also use the CWL's indispensable "Personal Letter WritingGuide".

<http://www.cwl.ca/manuals/Personal%20Letter%20Writing%20Guide.pdf>

Remember that God does not call the equipped; God equips those who He calls. We can all learn together as we minister in the name of the Lord. We are always happy to share our limited knowledge.



Fran L.  
Past President

I am compelled to begin this article with comments about the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Catholic Women's League Convention recently hosted by the Edmonton Diocesan CWL Council. All of you need to know of the absolutely incredible comments I have

heard from all I have spoken with regarding the convention. As chair of protocol my heart was bursting to listen to the accolades spoken by every member of the National Executive at our National Executive meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Edmonton Diocesan members did an outstanding job in hosting 906 participants in celebration of our 100th anniversary of the CWL having started in Edmonton and you all should be very proud!

Now, on to the topic of archives. Having every diocese represented at the National Convention you undoubtedly have many photos to add to your archives to mark this occasion. Do your archiving now, while it is still fresh in your mind.

The provincial archives subcommittee will be meeting this fall to work on the boxes of material that need our attention. To all dioceses and councils you are encouraged to stay current with your archives. Diocesan councils, while you are working on your material consider doing a PowerPoint presentation of all your past diocesan presidents for your next Diocesan convention, like national council did at their convention. You would learn so much about those who came before you.

May your archiving remind you of the fun and fulfillment derived from the various activities and continue to give you the energy and enthusiasm to do more in the upcoming months.

Thanks to all of you for your support as I begin my role as National Standing Committee Chair of Community Life. I had so much encouragement from my diocese and from across Alberta Mackenzie which supported my decision to let my name stand for election. I thank you for this and ask for your prayers in my new role.





# Centred on Faith and Justice



Gloria L.  
Christian Family Life  
Standing Committee  
Chair

In a final communiqué from Peggy R. in her role as national Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chair, there were two items that stood out for me.

The first was presented by Life Member Mary H. who wrote that Sanctity of Life and Palliative and Compassionate Care are essential priorities. There is a 192-page report from the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care entitled "Not to be Forgotten" and it stressed the need for pro-active measures for good 'end of life care' to be available across Canada.

The web-link for this report is.

<http://pcpcc-cpspsc.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/ReportEN.pdf>.

I have not read the complete report yet but have read the Executive Summary and, although I knew that the system fell short, I was shocked to realize just how far behind Canada is in some regards. The document covers Palliative and End-of-Life Care, Suicide Prevention and Elder Abuse with all of the sections presented in point form in the Executive Summary. I ask that you read this material as it pertains to such a large and growing segment of our society.

This summer my mother, who is 95 years old, fell and fractured her pelvis and shoulder and now requires additional care. My sister and I have spent many hours in hospital emergency rooms and transitional care facilities as we try to find a bed in a facility that can provide the level of care our mother requires. It made me wonder how seniors who do not have close family members cope with the system. Who is there to advocate for them?

Most of the facilities have had wonderful, caring and compassionate staff; however, we have encountered the occasional person who left us wondering if they were in the right

profession. Dealing with an elderly person is sometimes difficult; dealing with an elderly person who is extremely hard of hearing, in pain, and has Alzheimer's is a definite challenge. Who is there to protect them?

This brings me to the second item in the report written by Life Member Marie R. who urged members to revisit Resolution 86.01 – Needs of the Elderly in Our Parishes. Although this resolution passed in 1986, very little has changed and if anything the needs are growing. The resolved clause recommends that, with the approval of the pastor, the Catholic Women's League Parish Councils establish an advocacy committee to investigate the number of elderly within their own parish boundaries, take action with regard to their spiritual, social and personal needs, and, where programs are in place to provide support, urge members to participate in this endeavour. This is just a summary of the resolution and I encourage you to review the document in its entirety.

The theme of "Centred on Faith and Justice" is clearly indicated in these two topics and I urge you to continue to be pro-active in the areas of Sanctity of Life and the Needs of the Elderly.



Annamaria M.  
Communications  
Standing Committee Chair

This is my one and only Newsletter and I had no idea how to do it. God equips the called but apparently the "equipping" is on God's timeline. I apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter out but it appears I just wasn't listening hard enough to God's instruction. I can say that I am happy that I was able to put it together. Another new learning experience thanks to the League.

I was not able to locate any updated information on C.A.S.E.'s (Canadians Addressing Sexual Exploitation) White Ribbon Campaign for 2012. I do hope they will be able to get their team

together for 2013. In the meantime, please continue your fight against Sexual Exploitation in whatever capacity your council or you as individuals can do. Please let me know if you hear of any good books, films, or websites that you feel would enhance our Spiritual selves, or inform us on issues of poverty. If you do send me something, please let me know why you are recommending it, so that I can pass this information on to our sisters.

Please let Provincial know about any activities your council may have taken on to fight Poverty. Your Provincial team spent an afternoon working at the Edmonton Food Bank, while half the team shopped for much needed items for the women's shelter during our midwinter executive meeting. It was an honour to spend an afternoon helping out.

I do hope you have seen the many advertisements & messages that we have place in the *Western Catholic Reporter*. It is important to keep our name in the public eye. As parish councils, it is important to be visible. The CWL does great work but often people are not aware of it. Ladies... Toot your own horn. Be recognized for the work that you do so that others are inspired to join you.



Vi L.  
Education & Health  
Standing Committee  
Chair

Hope everyone has had a safe and restful summer and are now eager and looking forward to another year of CWL activities in your council.

The fall is a time to becoming involved in our parishes and schools. So take time to use your talents to consider volunteering: to teach catechism, sponsor a couple in RCIA, attend Bible Study groups, join book clubs and so much more. The bursary fund is used to provide financial assistance to CWL members needing it to pursue studies in adult faith formation and/or youth ministry (e.g. courses,

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seminars, workshops, and diploma / degree programs). The National Bursary applications must be submitted to national office and postmarked by **May 31st** in any year. The National Development Fund is for requests for funding to: assist in the organization of parish councils; assist parish, diocesan and provincial councils to promote League leadership training and other development workshops; promote League development through spiritual development. The guidelines and registration forms for these funds can be downloaded and printed from National's website at: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca).

**Education Sunday** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 4, 2012**. What do you do in your community to celebrate this event?

We all procrastinate when it comes to having check-ups, whether it's with the doctor, dentist or the optometrist. If you have found something, see your doctor immediately and don't forget to ask questions. Be aware of your current health situation at all times. Remember that our family and others depend on us!



Yvette F.  
Resolutions  
Standing Committee Chair

I would like to thank Becky K. for working on my committee to review the Resolution that was presented at National Convention. I would also like to thank Cathy B., the Calgary Diocesan Resolutions Committee Chair and Jan M. of St. Peter's Parish, for all the work they did for this Resolution. Congratulations – it was passed.

The Resolution in its entirety will be in *The Canadian League* (Fall issue) and then we can all take action immediately.

I hope that many parishes are looking at writing and submitting a resolution

for next year's National Convention. If anyone needs help, please do not hesitate to call me and I would love to help or get you some help.



Yvette F.  
Legislation  
Standing Committee Chair

There are many Federal Bills that are being monitored such as Bill 310 which is An act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons). There are two resolutions that resulted in further action were: 2009.02 Protection and Support Services for Foreign Victims of Human Trafficking and 2005.11 Assisted Suicide – a Criminal Offence. Watch both Federal and Provincial sites to see which laws will be before the Parliament in the Fall Session.



Pam DeL.  
Vice President/Spiritual  
Development Standing  
Committee Chair

September is the time of harvest, the gathering of the fruits of our labours. Children return to school to begin anew the gathering of information to be used to enrich their lives that they may become productive members of society. So too it is a time of gathering in our councils to begin again our labours for God and Canada. To gather information to enrich not only our lives but the lives of those we encounter in society ... family, friends, League Sisters and even total strangers.

Our theme of **'Women of Peace... Centred on Faith and Justice'**, will continue for another few months. This affords us an opportunity to expand on our projects that are centered on faith and justice. The Provincial idea **"the Day the CWL Came to Town"** offers many councils the opportunity to act on the spiritual teachings of Jesus..`To love one another as I have loved you`.... in concrete ways. Councils can use a meeting day to work in a soup kitchen, some can work in food banks, some can visit the

sick and shut-in. Anywhere we see a need and because we live the faith of Jesus, we are unable to refuse the call to help those less fortunate. We are called to become **'Servants of the Servants of God'** For as the Saint of Calcutta, Blessed Mother Theresa once said ``Prayer in action is love and love in action is service.....the Fruit of Love is Service and Fruit of Service is Peace." (PEACE... Finding the Spirit in a Busy World.) We have to be a witness of God's love in action. `Works of love are always works of joy.`

The Holy Father has declared this next year of 2012-2013 **'the Year of Faith'** beginning in October of 2012. What do you see yourself doing to increase your own faith in this next year? This declaration of the year of faith connects perfectly with our NEW THEME beginning in January 2013...**"We Have Seen the Lord"**. Begin thinking of ways in which you can declare..`We have seen the Lord.` Perhaps you can begin a Bible study...seeing Him in the words of those who actually walked with Him; organize a retreat...seeing Him in the silence of your hearts; have your council read short passages from papal documents that may inspire actions; promote family prayer time that they too may encounter the Lord. Organize a Holy Hour or a Marian celebration. Not only members but your whole parish could benefit from attending. Spread the Good News as you participate in your parish's various ministries. Proclaim the gospel that all those you meet might say... "See how they love each other."

This next year will prove exciting as we **Catch the Fire** of God's love for us and that we may ignite a new re-evangelization within our councils, inspiring all members to promote the League and its work for God and Canada. For we are women filled with God's Peace; ignited in our faith by the Holy Spirit; acting through the love of Jesus. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to lead and intercede for us, so that we may serve ...Continued page 6



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our League and God faithfully and with integrity.



June E. F.  
Community Life  
Standing Committee Chair

Greetings to my Sisters in the League Under the standing committee for Community Life our focus continues to be on the dignity and rights of persons, social and economic justice, refugees, immigration and citizenship and Development and Peace as well as support for developing countries. One resolution that was passed at this year's CWL National convention was developed under this standing committee. It was 2012.01 the "Criminalization of the Purchasing of Sexual Services". I encourage you to check out the National web site for more information on this resolution. I would also like to encourage members to continue to support Development and Peace through the 1% program. This is "strong women building stronger communities" and supports women in developing countries by providing start-up capital for small businesses, vocational, literacy and other training. It helps improve health in communities, it educates and empowers women to receive much needed skill training and it helps to improve rights for domestic workers. More information on this will be sent out in a communique. In February, when the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Executive met for their midwinter meeting, two service projects were undertaken by the ladies and Father Jim, our Provincial Spiritual Advisor. Some helped out at the local food bank and the rest of the group purchased toiletries and clothing and delivered these items to a local shelter. We called this project "The Day that CWL Came to Town". It was truly rewarding for all of us who participated. I know that many members already do these types of projects in their councils. What I encourage you to do this upcoming

year is to pick a day in your community and call it the "The Day CWL Came to Town" and let us know what you chose to do and send me a write up and possibly a picture of the ladies that participated in this special day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies in our Province that are Community Life standing committee chairs and wish you a most successful year.

### Biography



Annamaria M.  
Communications Chair

In case you are wondering... "hey where did she come from," let me clear that up for you. I did not allow my name to stand for election to provincial as I did not feel worthy of the position. God & our provincial Executive had other plans. I accepted the position of Communications Chair September 2011.

I was born in Hamilton Ontario but raised in Laval Quebec. I moved to Calgary in 1977. I moved to my current home in 1985 and have been a member of St. Thomas More Parish CWL I am married to my wonderful husband Don (of 26 years), and together we have raised 2 beautiful daughters, Nicole & Natalie. We all care for our dog Sabrina but she is definitely mom's girl. I've been employed with TELUS many years and continue to work there. In our community, Don and I are honoured to be on the executive for the Calgary Cross PC constituency with our MLA Yvonne Fritz.

My parish activities throughout the years include 25 years in the music ministry, Eucharistic Minister, and Parish Social Committee. I've taken sabbaticals from these as my CWL activities have added to my full schedule.

I'm an avid golfer. Not a good golfer, but I do love the sport.

I joined the League in 1970 on my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. I've been a proud member ever since. I've held positions at Parish Level: President-Elect & President at St. Thomas More Calgary; Calgary Diocesan: Christian Family Life, Health & Education/V-P, President-Elect/Organization, President, and currently Past President/History & Archives; as well as Communications Committee Chair for Alberta-Mackenzie Provincial Council.

I have been blessed to have many CWL sisters. As well as, many great mentors in the League that have encouraged me every step of the way. I cannot understand why any Catholic woman would not want to belong to the Catholic Women's League.

My goal is to promote the League to our members & non-members alike in my capacity of Communications, through communiques, advertisements.

To promote our Faith

To promote a deeper understanding of our Faith

### From the Dioceses:

CALGARY

Suzanne S. – President



The members in our diocese are very energetic and committed to perform the tasks required as women "Centred on Faith & Justice". They took the National theme and performed many works of mercy for the poor and marginalized.

This year, our diocese was fortunate to have the parish of St. Peter's (Calgary) research and present the resolution "Equal Employment Insurance Benefits for Adoptive Mothers" which successfully passed at all levels of the League. We are very grateful for the gift of this resolution and hope to be blessed with many more such gifts from parishes within our diocese at Convention 2013!

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We were so blessed to have 4 members accept their nomination to become Life Members! Their acceptance indicates their willingness to remain committed to working for the League when they are called upon. I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey in service to the League, for God and Canada. They are Florence B., Shirley H., Vi L., and Gloria L. We were so delighted to see that there were 182 members from our diocese in attendance at the 2012 National Convention reflecting the pride and joy the Calgary Diocese feels in sharing their Alberta identity with our sisters from across Canada.

Sadly, our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Mario B., who was planning on attending the National Convention, was called away to Caraquet New Brunswick as his mother was very ill. He was at her side until the very end. Georgette B. was called to the Lord on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Our Diocesan Fall Meeting and Workshop is scheduled to take place on Sept., 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Frances de Sales Parish in High River. Besides reporting to our members, we will be participating in the "Catch the Fire" leadership training! Our hopes are to spark such enthusiasm that our Regions request this new leadership workshop at their Regional meetings. We were fortunate to manage to get the Edmonton centennial display panels to be viewed at our Fall Meeting as well.

The diocesan executive is currently planning the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Advent Retreat. This event will take place at Sacred Heart Parish in Calgary on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also on our calendar of events, members are encouraged to support the Calgary Palio which this year takes place on September 15 at the Strathmore Rodeo grounds. This outdoor family event runs from 9:30 a.m. to about 7:00 p.m. and includes our Bishop Henry as main celebrant of the wonderful outdoor Eucharistic celebration! This is a family fun day

with a variety of activities which include the "running of the horses." The funds raised at this event help towards the building of new churches, and with repairs for existing churches in the whole diocese of Calgary and Southern Alberta.

On Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, St. James Parish in Calgary is hosting "A Song for Rachel" – a Diocesan Concert Event. This concert and Silent Auction Fundraiser supports Project Rachel. May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us in all we do.



## EDMONTON

Gladys B. – President

### Sisters in the League:

What a wonderful year! 2012 started off with the "Gala" held on February 11, 2012 with over 600 people attending, followed by Diocesan Convention and then by the Centennial Mass and celebration at St. Joseph's Basilica on April 26, 2012, the feast of "Our Lady of Good Counsel."

I attended the "Closing Ritual" at Rosary Hall on May 5th with several CWL members. It was very moving as the women living there were to be relocated to different housing.

The Life Members have done a wonderful job on working and putting the CWL centennial display at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. A wonderful job, not to mention their dedication to this project over the past three years.

The 92nd Annual National Convention held in Edmonton was indeed a success. There were 906 registered at the convention. St. Joseph's Basilica held the opening and closing Masses. The spiritual programs, including Mass on Monday and Tuesday, gathered the members together for prayer and celebration. Fun activities included dinner at Fort Edmonton Park, an old-fashioned Penny Carnival and a trip to the

Ukrainian Village. It was good to see so many Alberta Mackenzie members in attendance.

On September 29th the Sacred Heart Council in Wetaskiwin will be hosting the Fall meeting, and I encourage as many of you as possible to attend and listen to our guest speaker Debbie D. who will be speaking about "Spirituality for Women" and Rose Marie McC. will speak about the Archives Project along with special guest David Ridley from the Edmonton Historical Society, partner in the project. The panels will be on display.

The Archive and History Centennial Project will be displayed at the Edmonton City Hall from November 04 to 23, 2012. All are welcome to attend. The week will also be declared CWL week.

It has been a very exciting year for all of us and we have been very busy with all of the activities happening in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Be focused on Faith, as a way of life, as a way of doing, as a way of being. You are part of the women who spread the good news and women who inspire others.



## GROUARD-McLENNAN

Lucille Partington – President

Grouard-McLennan had a great start to the year with several members attending the Provincial and National Conventions and were very pleased to see Fran L. join the national officers. We wanted Donna P. there as well but it was not to be.

Three members attended the Catch the Fire workshop and we are awaiting our workshop in the Diocese in Fairview on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Their presentation will be fabulous. So far, our membership is up again so Mary A. and I are delighted because this is the third year of slight

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increases. Once the workshop goes out to councils, this should improve again. This is our first road show since Project GROW so it is greatly needed. We have chosen Phyllis L. with the assistance of the McLennan CWL council to begin a program to help new priests to the diocese understand the CWL. Since they are trained in McLennan, this sharing will be important. We also hope to go to the 4 Deanery meetings (our huge Diocese is divided into 4 smaller areas) with

similar information. Our new spiritual director, Father Sterzer, attended both conventions and is willing to keep the Archbishop and other priests informed of our activities. This will help communication greatly in the diocese. We intend to continue to support our foreign priests by not allowing critical remarks about their ability to speak English or their understanding of the Canadian culture. Instead, we have made a commitment to help them adjust to life in Canada. We will be

their only family while they are far from home and we intend to do many small things to assure that they feel they are among friends. We want to listen to their stories of their families back home to improve understanding and communication throughout the diocese.

Our 2013 Spiritual Workshop will be held February 16 in Fairview, Alberta and our 2012 Convention will take place in High Prairie on April 20.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION 2012

Edmonton, Alberta



Figure 1 Our very own Fran L. installed onto National

