

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Grouard-McLennan Diocesan Council

NEWSLETTER (*web edition*)

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Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Hoping everything is well with all of you ladies and that winter doesn't last too much longer. I have just come back from the mid-winter provincial executive meeting in Leduc and have lots of news.

Prov Spiritual Advisor - Welcome to our new provincial Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fr. Andrew B., from St. Thomas More Parish in Edmonton. He is originally from Poland. He says he likes Canada and is planning to stay.

Elsie Yanik Award - 5 nominees, the winner to be presented at the Annual Provincial Convention! (June 6-7, 2014, Grande Prairie) Work is being done at Provincial level with Covenant Health and Angel's Cradles (see <http://www.covenanthealth.ca>). Provincial executive have represented CWL to government, Starfest, Newman Theological College, Graduation, Development and Peace, Covenant Health AGM, Kevin Carr Awards, and at ACSTA Annual Meeting and Convention.

Members are encouraged to attend the Truth and Reconciliation Conference, March 27 - 31 in Edmonton. See www.trc.ca.

Communiqués - These come from Provincial Officers; please read and pass on the information to corresponding standing committee chairpersons and council members.

Annual Reports - These are overdue. If you have not yet sent in a report, please send directly to your diocesan officer or standing committee chair counterpart. If you need to know a contact, please contact Linda via cwlgrmcl@grmcl.cwl.ab.ca.

Topics to be discussed in upcoming meetings:

- The plight of temporary foreign workers (Dioc Pres Linda has volunteered to be on this committee as there are many immigrants and foreign workers in the archdiocese.)

- Lyme Disease (resolution returned by Provincial level)

Watch CWL national's **Be League** e-newsletter www.cwl.ca for Alberta Mackenzie diocesan and provincial news this coming month!

Elections should be held in January or February and new rosters sent to Donna P., Diocesan Secretary. Be thinking of what you would like to do for the diocesan executive - still looking for a Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee Chair!

Membership - The Provincial Organization Standing Committee Chair, Cathy B., has some wonderful documents on membership: getting new members and retaining the ones you've got. These ideas will be available at the next diocesan executive meeting in March, or e-mail Linda for a copy via cwlgrmcl@grmcl.cwl.ab.ca.

Upcoming Events

Sat. March 01/14 **Spiritual Workshop**

(9:30am-3:00pm) in Bezanson

\$20 includes light lunch

Topics: Christian Medication

Aboriginal Spirituality, with Rev. Bill B. from Grouard

Sat. March 22/14 **Spring Dioc Exec Meeting**

(10:00am-2:30pm) in Grande Prairie

Topics: Planning annual diocesan and provincial conventions!

No charge; light lunch provided by Grande Prairie CWL

Sat. April 19/14 **CWL Grouard-McLennan Annual Diocesan Convention**

(9:30am-3:30pm) at Anglican Church and Hall in Beaverlodge

Topics: speaker TBA; annual reporting and business; seeking a Resolutions/Legislation standing committee chair for diocesan council

Fri-Sat. June 6-7/14 **CWL Alberta Mackenzie**

Annual Provincial Convention in Grande Prairie

All ladies of the Grouard-McLennan archdiocese, please come and support the Catholic Women's League!

August 2014 2nd Annual **Faith Rally** in Grouard

The Knights of Columbus are taking the lead in the planning and will be asking for help from CWL members. More details to come.

Sun-Wed. August 10-13/14 **CWL Annual National Convention** in Fredericton NB

See <www.cwl.ca> under Conventions and <www.cwl.nb.ca> under 2014 Nat Conv and *The Canadian League* for details.

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