

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



President's Message

Helen Kayfish



Easter Cactus—Marilyn Schuck, Weyburn

Hello Saskatchewan members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

As spring seems to have finally arrived so, also arrives the convention season. As you may have already noticed the schedule for the upcoming conventions has been posted here on the website for some time now. Please join your sisters in the league and attend a convention near you. The strong connection we have with our league members, our sisters has always been one of the greatest bonds we have. Christ has given us the opportunity to share with each other the many gifts he has bestowed on each of us.

Two of our Diocesan councils are in an election year. Both are having difficulty in filling the positions on their councils. Why is this so? With 3655 members paid to date there should be members stepping up to fill these positions. Last year at the provincial convention I asked about disbanding the diocesan councils and received a resounding no, that we want to keep them. Well, if we don't have members to fill the positions, then the options will be limited. We must remember God doesn't call the gifted, He gifts the called. Please answer his call. I can certainly tell you that I was not and did not feel adequate to fulfill this position! If I can do it, I know you can. I have trust in all of you. The provincial convention is in Kindersley on May 31st & June 1, 2026. Please come out and meet our National President, Betty Colaneri who is looking forward to meeting all of you! Watch your council emails for the soon to be released Invitation and registration.

God Bless,
See you soon,
Helen Kayfish
Saskatchewan CWL
Provincial President

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Fr. Francis Hengen



“Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you; source of life that has no ending, on life’s path I trust in you.”

With these words from the hymn, *Pilgrims of Hope*, we began a year of Jubilee living out the hope that is ours because Christ is always with us in the boat as we make our way across the sea of life – his cross is the anchor of our hope. Throughout the year I had many occasions to reflect upon and celebrate that hope in parishes and with the Catholic Women’s League and its members.

In March, I attended the spring executive meeting in Saskatoon and submitted my annual report for 2024. A good portion of the meeting was spent on the preparations for the annual provincial convention. The spiritual program focused on gardening, but not your regular gardening. Rather it called to mind the words of the Jubilee Prayer, “May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the gospel.” Executive members were given packages of seeds for their gardens. I saw some of the results and they looked pretty good, and I’m sure their work for the Gospel had the same fruitfulness.

April 26, I returned to Saskatoon to attend the Saskatoon Diocesan Convention held at the beautiful Holy Family Cathedral. Hope was prevalent throughout the agenda beginning with Hope’s Home, and sharing about outreach and support to victims of human trafficking and people dealing with dementia, either personally, or as a care-giver. I brought the ‘cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel’ message to the convention and gave a brief report on the Spiritual Advisors’ meeting. It was an election year for Saskatoon Diocesan. Gratitude was expressed for Marion Laroque and her executive and the work they did over the past two years. Then, with joy and hope, a new, full slate of officers, with Edna Hodgson as president, was installed and given God’s blessing for a successful term in office.

May 3, I attended the Regina Diocesan Convention at St. Joseph Parish in Moose Jaw. It was the first time for a one-day convention on a Saturday and adjustments were made to the program to accommodate this initiative. President Linda Maddaford spoke on the R3 to 1 Unity undertaking calling on councils to Regain, Recruit and Retain members. Deacon Lamont Dyck, using the theme ‘Here I am, Lord, Send me’ spoke on the character of presence: to our vocation/calling, to people in our lives, to the needs of others, etc. A representative from CHAS shared on the topic of MAID – Medical Assistance in Dying - and began by asking those present how many knew of someone who had chosen MAID, or had been impacted by someone’s choice. I think many people were surprised by the number of hands that went up in the room. MAID has become a very real part of today’s life choices in society in general and even within church communities. The Spiritual Advisors held a luncheon meeting and Fr. Inchody gave his report to the convention. Due to a funeral in one of my parishes, I was not able to attend the Prince Albert Convention in Goodsoil on May 10.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Fr. Francis Hengen



Continued....

June 1/2, I attended the Saskatchewan Provincial Convention at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Weyburn. Sunday afternoon there was an online presentation with Fr. Greg Elder and Victor Quijada, chaplain and student counselor, respectively, for John Paul II Collegiate High School in North Battleford on the subject of 'Understanding Anxiety in Teens'.

Monday morning Prayer service focused on the Jubilee Prayer and the National Theme, 'Here I am, Lord, Send me'. President Helen Kayfish and vice-president Donna Aldous used the National Theme in their presentation on Leadership in the League. Past Provincial President, Chantal Devine, spoke on the National Task Force R3 to 1 Unity. I gave my annual report for 2024 and reported on the Spiritual Advisors' meeting.

August 11-14, I attended the National Convention in Toronto. On Monday afternoon I took part in the resolutions dialogue. Tuesday morning Br. Richard MacPhee spoke on Living Hospitality in our World Today. Tuesday afternoon there was a choice to attend two of three workshops being offered on: creating a prayer; lead and follow; ignite our gifts. Wednesday was the Annual Meeting of Members. The exciting part of this day was the election of a new National Executive. It was good to see so many women who had let their names stand for election. There had to be actual ballots cast for most positions. Congratulations to Betty Colaneri and her new team. President Colaneri also presented us with the new National Theme for 2026-27: "Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission. The one really dark experience for me was the Spiritual Advisors' meeting. I could not believe the negative tone set by the question asked of the advisors and negative answers from them.

September 18-20, I was in Saskatoon for the fall executive meeting and workshop which covered a variety of topics such as: membership in the League, R3 to 1 unity Task Force, National Bursary Fund, Leadership Foundation.

As always it has been a rich and rewarding year with the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. I am so very grateful for their service to God and Canada.

PAST PRESIDENT

Connie Crichton

Two of our Diocesan Past Presidents have been working very hard to gather women to fill positions on their diocesan executives. I also have been doing the same to fill our provincial executive seats. Without leadership we are adrift in a big world with many competing priorities. Our national executive works hard to provide focus on our parish council efforts. Our provincial and diocesan councils take this direction to identify how we can apply our focus on initiatives in our province and communities.

Pope Leo XIV (2025) urges believers to stop hoarding God's gifts and instead invest their skills, time, and love into acts of mercy for the needy, as outlined in Vatican News. He teaches that life is a stewardship rather than ownership, encouraging people to build eternal value by using their talents and material wealth to serve others and build a more just world, rather than focusing solely on personal gain.

Key themes from Pope Leo's teachings on using your gifts include:

Stewardship of Talents: Everything is a gift from God—skills, time, presence, and love—that must be cultivated and invested in the service of others rather than being kept for oneself.

- **The "Most Profitable Bank":** Works of mercy are described as the most secure, profitable way to invest the "treasure" of one's life, transforming passing, worldly riches into eternal life.
- **Vigilance in Daily Life:** Pope Leo urges believers to be attentive and ready to act with love at home, in the workplace, school, or parish, making "every opportunity to love".
- **Renouncing Selfishness:** He notes that the steward in the parable only found security by abandoning selfish accumulation and using resources to create relationships and community.
- **Cultivating Uniqueness:** Each person is a unique "unrepeatable good" that must be invested; otherwise, these personal gifts diminish or are taken away.

Pope Leo emphasizes that even the smallest, simplest gestures of compassion possess infinite value.

You can listen to his talk on YouTube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umlEHI0vBgo>

Ignite Your Passion—Empower His Mission—Sign up to be one of the women who make a difference.

Answer those calls with a “Yes!”



“Blessed are the Poor” 2026–2027

LIFE MEMBER LIAISON

Chantal Devine

With the passing of Marlyne Reindl on December 26th, 2024, our life members in Saskatchewan now total fifteen and our honorary life members remain the same at four. Recently, I wrote a life member liaison annual report and submitted it to June Brown, National Life Member Liaison to help her in compiling her report for national. My report was based on the reports of eight life members and one honorary life member, and on my general knowledge of those members who did not send in a report. I was very pleased to hear of the many contributions life members continue to offer to sustain the life of the League and their communities.

At the national level, three life members serve on three separate national committees. At the provincial level, we have one life member serving as provincial president, and two serving as past diocesan presidents. These two ladies, along with two other life members, serve as diocesan leads on the R3 to 1, Unity! task force. Many life members attend the provincial and diocesan conventions and regularly serve as parliamentarians.

Life members contribute a great deal to parish councils in our province. Two life members serve as presidents of their parish council and others hold a position on the executive. All respondents said they mentored parish council executive members and helped with recruiting new members. They also reported being very busy with organizing and providing funeral lunches and collecting food and clothing for the poor in their community. Visiting and calling shut ins was also high on their list of duties.

Life members are also actively involved in the work of their church and beyond. They serve as liturgical ministers, and lead prayer groups such as the Lenten Prayer Service and the Stations of the Cross. One life member, along with her husband, lead the RCIA Program at their church. Another serves on the Regina Archdiocesan Youth Rally overseeing the prayer room and the "Tea and Talk with Retirees". And finally, one is board chair for the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, board member for Women's Interchurch Council of Canada, where she serves on the World Day of Prayer Committee. She is also on the Parish Refugee Committee, the TRC Committee and took part in the World Day of Prayer services both in person and on nationwide Zoom.

In conclusion, I am blessed to be a part of this dedicated group of women who give so unselfishly of their time and talents.



VICE PRESIDENT

Donna Aldous

I am hoping all councils are enjoying the idea of making a banner to bring to our Provincial CWL convention May 31 – June 1 in Kindersley. Not only will you have fun working with members in your council, but you may also choose to use our new national CWL logo. If that is your choice, you will tap into the symbolism and inspiration of the theme for the league for the next 2 years, “Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission”. You also might choose to follow the national focus of “Blessed Are the Poor”. Our national president Betty Colaneri will be in attendance in Kindersley to see and appreciate your efforts.

I hope to see YOU in Kindersley. Each parish council has the opportunity to send 1 accredited delegate to the annual provincial convention. This is the FUN part of CWL!!! Meeting members of like minds and finding out how others work for God and Canada can inspire us, and you can inspire them. Make a plan to attend. Hopefully your council can help financially to see it is represented at our yearly gathering.

PLEASE wear your CWL pin. Not only to CWL events but to other outings. I have had people ask what my pin is all about and it gives me an opportunity to tell them about this wonderful sisterhood of ours.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all this spring. God Bless!



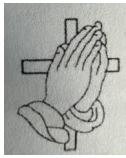
MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION R3 to 1, UNITY

A certificate of recognitions will be presented to all councils who have increased their membership in 2025 from 2024.

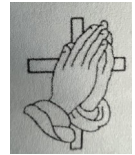
Recruit: Invite women in the parishes and communities to join the League.

Retain: Show gratitude and appreciation to current members.

Regain: Welcome members or councils back to the sisterhood.



FAITH
(HEARTS IN PRAYER)
UNITING CATHOLIC WOMEN TO GROW IN FAITH
WENDY DALE



The Jubilee Year inspired our members to engage in increased prayer, participate in locally organized worship events, and inspire and share knowledge with others about the Jubilee Year. Councils included prayer for women religious regularly, supported the CWL Bursary fund, and held special masses for anniversaries, and local needs. The majority of Councils did not or were not aware of the Novena for Members that was in the Winter Edition of The Canadian League. One local Council is going to use the Novena prayer and reflections to begin each of their meetings for the 2026-2027 year. The World Day of Prayer and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continue to be popular events to participate in, showing that members are committed to building relationships with our sisters of other denominations. The 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care are important for all Councils, and more Councils are engaging in Truth and Reconciliation education and implementation. More Councils are also learning about the Red Sand Ceremony and using it to spread awareness and prayer to end Human Trafficking.

Councils are still participating in, and also looking forward to hosting conventions – regional, diocesan and provincial. These occasions to mingle and reconnect with members that we only get to see on an annual basis are crucial to the sisterhood, and bring joy that only these gatherings can. Members joyfully serve at Mass, help with Sacramental prep, lead Stations of the Cross, host Advent and Lenten retreats, host Nativity exhibits, leading rosary, attended and participated in pilgrimages.

Councils got involved in action against Human trafficking, MAiD, and abortion by attending gatherings, Walk for Life, and praying to end the situations. They also worked at promoting better living conditions for seniors, and the homeless. When it came to participating in the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, responses varied from embracing the experience to did not know it existed. In some cases, Councils had no chairperson to be responsible for looking at it, so it was ignored. Other Councils struggled to access it, but many Councils were already well on the way to involvement, and were very familiar with this program. In terms of the homeless, Krista-Dawn Kimsey, the Community Engagement Specialist with the Mustard Seed sends a big Thank You to all of the CWL Councils who have been so generous with their donations and volunteer hours. Jennifer Nunes from St Mary's Outreach is also immensely grateful for how the CWL has stepped in with their support this year.

The uniqueness of each Council in terms of numbers, location, and age range is shown by the variety of activities enjoyed by all including participating in the Development and Peace Turn Debt into Hope campaign, and enjoying the Catholic Missions in Canada virtual wine tasting event. No two Councils are the same. Each one has different goals, passions, struggles, and experiences that draw other women to want to become members. We need to celebrate the fact that no two Councils are the same. Just as there are many parts in the Body of Christ, there are many councils operating in many ways to fulfill our roles as disciples of Christ. The annual reports verify that we are thriving, and the more we show our parishes how much we enjoy the service that we do, the more likely it is that they will want to be a part of our sisterhood. Let's Ignite our Passion and empower his mission by drawing other women into the CWL that we all love so much.





SERVICE
(HANDS THAT SHARE)
SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, CANADA AND
THE WORLD
 Mary Kehrig



There were 58 respondents in Saskatchewan in the 2025 service annual survey. Many focused on the national theme with discussions, reflections, prayers, service and the song to begin gatherings.

Mental health focus included distribution of up-to-date information with speakers on the issues of homelessness, job security and violence.

Very few councils were aware or responded to the letter by the national president to the prime minister regarding the need for humanitarian aid for the appalling conditions in Gaza.

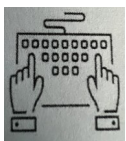
Many who did receive national communicate packages sent quarterly from national office found them useful and timely when shared with council members.

Those who attended the national convention in Toronto were pleased to choose which workshops to attend, the inspiring qualified speakers, breakout sessions, fellowship with like-minded women from across Canada, banquets, masses and the powerful way to speak to the government through resolutions.

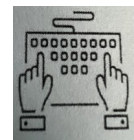
What prevents one from attending conventions is cost and distance when not held in one's province, time and commitment due to work and family as well as shrinking number of members who are in survival mode, thus focus on local issues and not looking to the larger CWL.

Numerous activities were participated in for the "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care". For service, World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10) was the most promoted.

CWL councils are smaller with many older members and fewer younger members. They can only do locally what needs to be done in their church community that interests them so some information from National is not shared. It is still commendable what small church communities are doing and without strong grass roots where would our CWL be? It all begins at the local parish level!



SOCIAL JUSTICE
(MINDS THAT DARE)
SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, CANADA
AND THE WORLD
 MARCELLA PEDERSEN

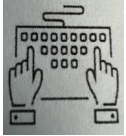


May 5 is just around the corner, to acknowledge Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women by wearing a Red Dress or a pin in support of our Indigenous sisters. Show your support too on June 21 Aboriginal Day by attending events in your area.

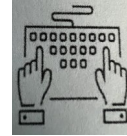
2026 - Give recognition to **International Year of Women Farmers**. 80% of women globally are food producers.

There will be a possible **resolution** at the provincial convention provided it is passed at the Saskatoon Diocesan Convention calling for mandating education or training to be on Intimate Partner Violence to be included in the orientation process for all new employees across all the workplaces in the province.

It is important to write letters to all government levels and letter to the editor **re Intimate Partner Violence**. I would encourage all members to read Pamela Cross book "And Sometimes They Kill You - confronting the epidemic of Intimate Partner Violence."



SOCIAL JUSTICE
(MINDS THAT DARE)
SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, CANADA
AND THE WORLD
MARCELLA PEDERSEN



(cont'd)

Write letters and sign petitions about issues of concern: Palliative Care, MAID, Homelessness, SAID (Sk Assured Income Disability Program)

Re Bill C9: Removal of Religious Speech: Is currently before the Senate with the 2nd reading on Apr 14th. In terms of process, and the fact that there are now concerns the committee had not heard when it happened at committee, there will be a robust discussion and **invitation** to present debate pro/con to strengthen the bill or address shortcomings and if there are good-faith amendments, they will be considered by the government. **Members are encouraged to write to their Senators expressing their opposition to Bill C-9 in its present form, and in particular the removal of the “good faith defence”.**

Re Bill 218 – MaiD for mental illness: Is being examined in a special joint committee. Archdiocese of Toronto, the force behind the nationwide Help Not Harm campaign, intends to capitalize on this delay by building even more on the letter-writing drive found at HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

Continue to support **D &P’s Campaign “On Track for Justice”** especially donating monthly your 1% on luxury items so that your **donation will be doubled.**

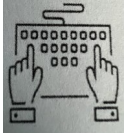
Check out the Red Sand prayer service by IWIN to acknowledge **Human Trafficking Day** (Feb 20th). View “Buying Her” Documentary on the demand for human trafficking. IWIN (I’m Worth it Now) just lost a major sponsor who has provided a complete change of clothing for the backpacks given to victims escaping traffickers. IWIN is only two weeks away from a scheduled backpack assembly. I would ask that the other Diocesan Social Justice Chairs let councils know about this and possibly consider a fund raiser to help.

Leadership & Faith Development: I encourage all members to take part in the **D2L Bright Space** online learning program. More information can be found on the National Website.

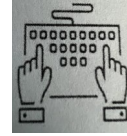
SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

The Saskatchewan Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada has established a Social Justice Award to be given over ten years and reviewed at the end of that time. The award is intended to enable young women to engage in social justice work. Young women between the ages of 18-35 years will be eligible to receive up to one thousand dollars in one year upon application and decision of the committee. The Application can be obtained on the provincial website. cwlsk.ca

Deadline is April 30, 2026



SOCIAL JUSTICE
(MINDS THAT DARE)
SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, CANADA
AND THE WORLD
MARCELLA PEDERSEN



You too can advocate!

Raise Your Voice for “Hospice Palliative Care Email Template

Instructions:

1. Fill in the blanks in the email below with your information.
2. Got to MP’s contact list to find your MP. <https://www.ourcommons.ca/en/contact-us>
3. Put the subject line into your email.
4. Use the template to create the body of your email.
5. Add any personal information you may have to support your case.

While number 5 is optional it does add weight to your email. You may want to consider creating an actual letter and send to your MP as you don’t have to put a stamp on it if sent to:

MP’s NAME
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada
K1A 0A6

Subject: Support for Improved Access to Hospice Palliative Care Services

Dear (MP’s Name)

My name is (Your Name) and I am a resident of (City/Town) in your riding. I am writing to ask for your support in making hospice palliative care services more accessible to everyone who needs them in our community.

Hospice palliative care is essential for people living with serious illnesses, their caregivers and their families, improving both quality of life and quality of care. Yet across Canada, too many individuals are unable to access timely, appropriate palliative care.

We urgently need stronger action to close these gaps. I respectfully ask that you:

- **Advocate for increased investment in hospice palliative care services across all settings, particularly in the community.**
- **Support policies that expand hospice and home-based palliative care options in our riding.**

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESAN

Shirley Lamoureux
President

The good news: I am proud to say that this year we had 10 councils complete the National Annual Survey; compared to 2 that did it last year. I hope this upward trend continues.

I am anxious to see what the new formatted Online Registration program looks like as I have heard many negative comments about the existing program. Myself and Glaslyn parish included. When I went to register online, I was told we had not done online before and to complete the form etc..... now I am basically locked out waiting for the new one to come into effect. Our cheque for registration was cashed however.

I have tried to follow the communiques that have come from National and ensure they are sent to the councils as required..... I have one Pillar Chair that has not responded at all.

This is our election year..... our past president is unable to take on the role of Nominations and Elections so Helen has graciously agreed to take that on.... I had been waiting for the VP Sylvia Bender-Ronjve to respond to my request for a discussion and then I recently heard from Helen that Sylvia is not well and will not be carrying on this term as President. Please pray for Sylvia. It is also apparent that nobody wants to step up and take a role on the executive.

I travelled to St. Vital Parish to sit and prepare for the Annual Convention on April. 25th. It is such a delight to meet in an informal atmosphere and just talk – we accomplished so much and I look forward to meeting with them again if necessary or at our Convention if not...

I am anxiously waiting to see the action that was just recently take on Bill C-9; I responded to an online petition signing and also sent it to all the councils in the diocese and to my parish. Bill C-260- from MP Garnett Genuis -Care Not Coercion Act. Has very specific goal of preventing Bureaucrats and people in positions of trust of authority (excluding Doctors and Nurses) from offering MAiD to people who are not asking for it. I have had the opportunity to spend some time with Rosemarie Falk and talked about these Bills.

Save the Date:

Prince Albert Diocesan Convention :

Saturday, April 25, 2026 , St. Vital Parish, Battleford

REGINA DIOCESAN

Linda Maddaford
President

What have I been up to since the workshop last fall:

Oct – submitted president's report for provincial CWL fall newsletter.

Oct 17th, attended Mary, Mother of God virtual presentation from the Regina women's commission group.

Oct 20th, attended R3 provincial virtual meeting

Oct 23-24, attended the CHAS conference, Pilgrims of Hope: Nurturing Life – Healing the Wounded.

A motioned was entertained and passed to send the Regina diocesan executive to this conference to support CHAS, to provide them with a deeper background on catholic health.

Nov 1st, attended the Archdiocesan Regina Congress: Towards a Synodal Church: Pathways for Implementation.

Nov 4th, submitted an article "This is our time," to the Arch website, <https://archregina.sk.ca/newsstory/this-is-our-time/>

Nov 4th, prepared and sent a letter to my MP in support of Bill C-218, The Right to Recovery vs MAID for those with mental health difficulties. The letter was cc'd to the two MPs that co-authored the bill, to my MP's constituency and Ottawa offices, to the Minister of Justice, the Prime Minister and to the archbishop's office and CHAS. A template of the letter was sent to my councils, diocesan executive, provincial executive and my PPC.

Nov 5, attended the Zoom presentation Family Violence: Challenges and Opportunities for Catholics and submitted a report to PPC and to CWL provincial for future consideration.

Nov 8th, I moderated the CWL Treasury Procedures virtual presentation. My treasurer, Lynn Jones prepared a very thorough and informative PowerPoint on treasury procedures. Approximately 23 participants from across the province attended and a lively Q & A followed the presentation. The PowerPoint and script was shared with the national Sec/Treasurer committee at LM Connie Crichton's request.

Nov 20th, a Christmas message and card was sent to all 50 councils, to 40 spiritual advisors, and to the diocesan executive and provincial executive.

Nov 22nd, the first conv planning meeting took place at St. Gerard's parish in Yorkton.

Nov 27th, a crest permission request was sent to national for convention t-shirts for members

Nov 29th, attended the CWL Advent Retreat at Resurrection parish in Regina, facilitated by sisters of Miriam Family of the Prairies.

Dec 2nd, Contacted Armella Sonntag and Lisa Polk from the "women's commission" and asked to coordinate programs with the CWL in the diocese. An article I wrote on grief and accompaniment was published in the December 2025 issue of the CHAS newsletter, https://chask8.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-10-the_sacred_work_of_letting_go.pdf

In January 2026, the Archdiocesan Synod Team led a 90-minute training session for parish facilitators entitled "Conversation in the Spirit". There were two sessions offered and a number of CWL presidents attended the synodal training session that I participated in.

REGINA DIOCESAN

Linda Maddaford

President

Convention planning continued, the registration package and accommodations were emailed to all councils the first week of February, and mailed to special guests, Life members and Honorary Life members. The diocesan treasury will handle registrations, and payment may be made by e-transfer this year.

Feb 2, 9 and 16th, 2026, attended three facilitator training sessions on Dying with Christ - Living with Hope presented by the Christian Medical & Dental Assoc, CMDA. At the last session I was asked to share a short testimonial about MAID in our LTC facilities.

Notes for follow-up:

Several regional presentations for parishes, CWL and Knights in Saskatchewan will be offered as a "MAID road tour" this spring from the Christian Medical & Dental Assoc, archdiocese and CHAS. The presentation for the Yorkton area will be the evening of May 13, with CWL & Knights breakfast and morning interactive on May 14th. I hope to have other dates confirmed shortly. For CWL provincial and diocesan consideration: the CMDA and archdiocese would appreciate any form of honorarium and mileage that we can offer as they have a very small budget to bring this to Saskatchewan.

Topics councils requested for Executive Development:

How should the 3 pillars function at the council level? Review what has been given in communiqués, what is on the website for material, list it, share it, guidance on how to apply it.

Computer skills, saving documents so you can find them again, organizing desktop files so you can find things, where are materials on the national website, setting up online banking and e-transfers.

Archives and Executive Files – what to scan or keep, where to store it. What to pass on with the position

Mentorship, training, Brightspace

Save the Date

Mar 17th, Executive Development - Treasury Procedures, 2nd virtual presentation for council treasurers and executive.

April 18th, the 103rd Regina Diocesan Convention will be held at St. Gerard's, Yorkton.



SAVE THE DATE

MAiD for You?

A Conversation on Canada's Expansion of MAiD to Mental Illness and What's at Stake



Province-Wide Information Sessions



- May 11 — Saskatoon
- May 12 — Prince Albert
- May 13 — Yorkton
- May 14 — Weyburn
- May 15 — Moose Jaw
- May 16 — Regina



STARTS AT
7 PM



VENUES
SHARED SOON

LARRY WORTHEN, MA (TH.), LLB

Executive Director, Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada

For more information, to volunteer, support the tour, or share local contacts, complete this survey: <https://bit.ly/SaskInput> or email info@saskprolife.com.



Photo credit – Linda Maddaford, Michealangelo's Pieta painted by A. B. Onneau, 1987, on display at Holy Child parish, Regina

REGINA DIOCESAN

Linda Maddaford
President

Greetings dear sisters - as we wait in joyful hope during this solemn Lenten season. The painting above rests in the foyer of Holy Child parish. It is a masterful work, and it truly was a privilege to see it in person last fall.

This may be the last report I give as your Regina Diocesan president. My term draws to a close and a new slate of executive will be installed at the 103rd Regina Diocesan convention on April 18th, 2026. The saying goes; the Lord does not call the gifted – He gifts the called. I have been gifted and blessed by the women of faith that have served along side me on Diocesan executive, our sister diocesan councils and provincial council. The wonderful conversations and friendships across the province reveal a wealth of wise, generous, devoted, amazing women called to this league of sisters.

We serve where we can, when we can, with what we have and whatever gift we are able to offer. As with the widow's mite, however small, our gifts will be multiplied until our cup, our hands and our hearts are full.

The councils of the Regina diocese and throughout the province are an inspiration. We have offered and attended retreats, workshops, and "Conversations in the Spirit" facilitator sessions. We are women living our faith, in service and mission, for God and for Canada. Let us pray, that our example touches those around us, and that all Catholic women ignite their passion to empower His mission.

SASKATOON DIOCESAN

**Edna Hodgeson
President**

My activities since September 2025:

- Took part in Life Chain in Humboldt, October 5th
- I attended CHAS convention in Regina on October 23, 24th with two Diocesan. Officers.
- On October 31st, I met with Bishop Mark Hagemoen as a meet and greet; also discussed May 4/26 Diocesan Annual convention in Rosetown.
- On November 2nd, I attended St. Mary's council, Saskatoon, Membership Brunch.
- November 8th, I attended Holy Spirit council, Saskatoon, 55th Anniversary celebration.
- November 10th, we had a Saskatoon Diocesan Core executive meeting.
- Completed the Diocesan newsletter at the end of November; fanned out to councils.
- Planning meeting for Diocesan convention with St. Theresa Council, Rosetown on January 12th in Rosetown.
- R3 to 1 Zoom meeting on January 19, 2026.
- January 26 – Zoom meeting with Saskatoon Diocesan Core executive.
- Saskatoon Diocesan CWL Midwinter Zoom meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7th with about 38 in attendance; Presentation by Jennifer Nunes with St. Mary's Mission and Outreach. Wrote a letter to Bishop Mark Hagemoen, as requested by membership, to increase financial support to the St. Mary's Mission and Outreach through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. (I discovered this is already the plan – see Dec 2025 Impact report for the RC Diocese of Saskatoon).
- Promoted Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser/walk to be held February 28th. Now, groups are able to participate “off-site” which I think is a great idea. Fundraise, walk in your own community. (We were promoting the Saskatoon East program, for proceeds to the Mustard Seed).
- Attended retreat on March 7th at St. Therese Institute; topic “Losing My Religion”.

SASKATOON COUNCIL UPDATES:

St. Michael's council, Tramping Lake voted to disband in November 2024; paperwork was submitted November/December 2025 Some members have joined near-by councils (Unity).

Save the Date:

Saskatoon Diocesan Convention:

Monday, May 4, 2026, St. Theresa Parish, Rosetown

Prayer Intentions—for a successful, prayerful 2026 Saskatchewan Provincial CWL Convention

- ◇ **That** all 3 Saskatchewan Bishops have a clear schedule and that they are able to participate in our convention, we pray:
- ◇ **That** all CWL Spiritual Directors are encouraged to attend the convention and find that they are truly proud to be partners in fulfilling our mission for God and Canada, we pray:
- ◇ **That** CWL Honorary Life and Life Members desire to attend the convention and they will renew their commitment to serve the League, we pray:
- ◇ **That** all CWL parish councils encourage and provide financial support for their members to attend the yearly provincial convention, we pray:
- ◇ **That** neighbouring parish councils be given the opportunity to help in some way and to participate in the convention, we pray:
- ◇ **That** all dignitaries who bring greetings realize how much CWL contributes to their communities and province, we pray:
- ◇ **That** all businesses asked to participate in the success of the convention give graciously and generously, we pray:
- ◇ **That** St Joseph’s CWL convention committee with their Spiritual Advisor Fr. Francis work harmoniously with a vision of unity and love, we pray:
- ◇ **That** our guest speaker Carol Mitchell bring a message of God’s truth and love, and how Jesus is our model, we pray:
- ◇ **That** all displays help educated attendees in CWL Social Justice issues and how they might help the least, the lost and the last, we pray:
- ◇ **That** the K of C “Unborn Children” Monument be an opportunity for all to show CWL’s solidarity with Saskatchewan Pro-Life, we pray:
- ◇ **That** all in attendance be given the courage and enthusiasm to continue to be Gods messengers of love and forgiveness, we pray:
- ◇ **That** the newly elected 2026-2028 Saskatchewan Provincial CWL Executive be women of faith, love and courage working cohesively serving God and Canada, we pray:
- ◇ **That** our National CWL President Betty Colaneri’s visit to Saskatchewan be one of joy and purpose as she helps to ignite in us a faith that is alive, vibrant and passionate, we pray:

Convention Dates to mark on your calendars

Prince Albert Diocesan Convention :

Saturday, April 25, 2026 , St. Vital Parish, Battleford

Saskatoon Diocesan Convention:

Monday, May 4, 2026, St. Theresa Parish, Rosetown

Regina Diocesan Convention:

Saturday May 3, 2025, St. Gerard Parish, Yorkton

Saskatchewan Provincial Convention

Sunday, May 31 and Monday June 1 2026, St. Joseph Parish , Kindersley

National Convention:

August 9-12, Halifax, Nova Scotia