



**Nova Scotia Provincial Council  
Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Provincial President Communique #1  
*Inspired by the Spirit,  
Women Respond to God's Call***

**To:** Cleo Windsor, Antigonish Diocesan President; Janet Terrio, Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan President

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*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)*

What a dynamic and whirlwind of a time we have had in Nova Scotia since our provincial convention in June! Our provincial executive has taken form over the past few months. It is difficult to express the degree of gratitude owed to each member on our council for their leadership and service. We are so blessed to have you.

The National level of our organization has contributed greatly to keeping us busy as well. The wonderful National Convention in Winnipeg in August set the pace with the introduction of next steps for implementation of the strategic plan. Other national business that was given attention included a strategy to bridge our relationship with Development and Peace and visioning around the implementation of our new theme starting in 2019: Care for our Common Home. The new theme focus starting in January 2019 will be reflecting on "God's creation and marvel at everything, human and non-human alike, belongs to God" with a special focus on water. We have been challenged as a province to forward examples of projects/initiatives that might be considered by our councils at all levels in our province regarding the subtheme of water. Please encourage everyone to put on their creative hat.

It was a great privilege to be able to attend both Diocesan fall meetings – not only to bring the information about the strategic plan implementation but to also be able to meet and mingle with our members. It was a true pleasure. I always come away in awe at the quality of the work at

our diocesan and parish levels, as well the as depth and breadth of commitment and spirituality that is present. The other success this fall was our retreat in September for the provincial and diocesan executive officers. The very positive evaluations will be reflected upon more at our provincial executive meeting in March.

We also have taken the necessary steps to put together the Ad Hoc committee for review of our CWL council structure in the province. This work formally starts in the new year and will culminate at the provincial convention in June 2019.

In her second, most recent communique, our National president, Anne-Marie Gorman reflected on the meetings held this fall with federal government officials regarding League resolutions. She has emphasized the importance of meeting with members of parliament and for provincial presidents and their executives to meet with provincial legislators. This action assists in fostering a mutual understanding between our politicians and executive members and helps set the foundation for advocacy for issues important to our organization. Reflecting on Anne Marie's message even further, it seems important to also stay connected with our community leaders at the municipal level through our diocesan and parish councils. This also has the potential for laying important groundwork for CWL relationships in communities and advocacy for work at the parish level.

A special thank you must go to Francine Robichaud, president of the Holy Family CWL Council in Amherst, her executive and members for stepping forward to host our provincial convention June 7-9, 2019. Planning will start in earnest in early 2019. An invitation has been forwarded to our National president. Hopefully she will be able to attend if her schedule allows.

As our year 2018 rapidly comes to an end, may you have a blessed and joyful Christmas season, peppered with some rest and relaxation. Thank you for all you do and your continued faithfulness.

God bless,  
Glenda