



**Scotia Provincial Council Catholic Women's League of Canada
Provincial President Communique #3**

Care for Our Common Home

To: Janice MacDougall, Antigonish Diocesan President; Janet Terrio, Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan President (for distribution to all parish council presidents)

From: Glenda Carson, Nova Scotia Provincial President

Date: February 13, 2020

Dear CWL Diocesan and Parish Presidents and members,

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League, honorary life member, Danielle MacNeil-Hessian has led a fund raiser to support Nova Scotia CWL members to attend the National convention in Montreal. The raffle raised \$4544.39 to apply to the Nova Scotia centennial project.

One plan proposed for the proceeds of the fund raiser was to use the money to offset the cost of using a bus to travel to Montreal. It is important now to determine if enough members would consider bus travel to make the plan feasible. In this communique are estimated costs for various options for the bus travel as well as estimated airfare to use as a comparison. Members would be responsible for their accommodation in addition to transportation costs. This has been included in the calculation of the total cost per member. There is a list of accommodations that members can use if they take the bus trip, separate from the list of accommodations on the national convention website. The bus will transport members at these hotels to the convention site on a daily basis.

The bus departure is currently planned for Halifax, leaving early on August 8th and arriving in Montreal on the 9th. Stopping en route to pick up passengers in Truro and Amherst may be possible, but this is not confirmed at present. The departure would be early on August 13th, arriving in Halifax on August 14th. As well, there is a limit to the number of hours a driver can drive. Therefore there is a required over night stop for the driver in Edmundston or we can pay for a second driver and continue to drive straight through to Montreal. This means that members have to make a decision to either stay in Edmundston and pay for an overnight hotel room in Edmundston or cover the cost for the second driver. The second driver would add about \$1000.00 to the 7-day round trip total. .

Please note, there is no commitment to these plans until deposits are made. All costs in this communique are best estimates, not exact totals. If there are not enough members to make the trip financially feasible, the provincial council executive will determine an alternative strategy to support members attending the convention with the money raised from the raffle.

God bless,

Glenda

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Total cost estimates per person for various trip options:

| Number of passengers | 56 | 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 25 |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <i>Bus trip with <u>overnight stay in Edmundston and Montreal hotel accommodation*</u> included with bus trip</i> | 243.75 200.00 647.50 1091.25 | 273.00 200.00 647.50 1120.50 | 303.33 200.00 647.50 1150.83 | 341.25 200.00 647.50 1188.75 | 390.00 200.00 647.50 1237.50 | 455.00 200.00 647.50 1302.50 | 546.00 200.00 647.50 1393.50 |
| <i>Total with subsidy from raffle proceeds (\$4544.39) applied to individual costs for bus trip.</i> | -81.00 1010.25 | -90.88 1029.62 | -100.99 1049.84 | -113.60 1075.15 | -129.83 1107.67 | -151.48 1150.52 | -181.78 1211.72 |
| <i>Bus trip with <u>no overnight stop in Edmundston</u> (2 drivers and Montreal hotel accommodation* included with bus trip)</i> | 261.75 647.50 909.25 | 293.00 647.50 940.50 | 325.33 647.50 972.83 | 366.25 647.50 1013.75 | 419.99 647.50 1067.49 | 488.00 647.50 1135.50 | 586.00 647.50 1233.50 |
| <i>Total with subsidy from raffle proceeds (\$4544.39) applied to individual costs for bus trip.</i> | -81.00 828.25 | -90.88 849.62 | -100.99 871.84 | -113.60 900.15 | -129.83 916.01 | -151.48 984.02 | -181.78 1051.72 |
| <i>Comparison to airfare with Montreal accommodation* based on conference hotel rate.</i> | \$345.00 (WestJet with coupon) \$837.00 \$1182.00 | | | \$550.00 (Air Canada) \$837.00 \$1387.00 | | | |

*note – the accommodation cost is based on two people sharing a room.

Parish presidents, please indicate, by return email by February 24th to your diocesan council president.

1. How many of your members plan to go to Montreal?
2. How many of your members would take the bus based on the information provided in this communicate?
3. If taking the bus, would your members prefer the over night accommodation in Edmundston or pay the extra amount (around \$500.00) to continually drive to Montreal?
4. Would it be beneficial to members taking the bus to be picked up in Truro or Amherst, as opposed to Halifax?
5. Would members like to stop along the way to visit sites such as Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré?
6. Not related to the bus trip: Would members like to be able to connect with other Nova Scotia members going to the convention from the perspective of sharing a room ?

Breakdown of costs:

Cost estimates for chartering a bus to Montreal:

The number of confirmed passengers will determine the total cost per person

| \$1,950 total bus cost per day | Cost per day per person for bus | 7 days total per person (+ cost for second drivers) | 7-day total bus cost (+ second drivers) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 56 passengers | \$ 34.82 (+ 18.00) | \$ 243.75 (+18.00 =261.75) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |
| 50 passengers | \$ 39.00 (+20.00) | \$ 273.00 (+20.00 =293.00) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |
| 45 passengers | \$ 43.33 (+22.00) | \$ 303.33 (+22.00 =325.33) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |
| 40 passengers | \$ 48.75 (+25.00) | \$ 341.25 (+25.00 =366.25) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |
| 35 passengers | \$ 55.71 (+29.00) | \$ 390.00 (+29.00 =419.00) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |
| 30 passengers | \$ 65.00 (+33.00) | \$ 455.00 (+33.00 =488.00) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |
| 25 passengers | \$ 78.00 (+40.00) | \$ 546.00 (+40.00 =586.00) | \$ 13,650.00 (+14,650.00) |

Airfare comparison: (flying out from Halifax on Saturday, August 8 – Returning August 9)

WestJet airfare round trip with convention coupon code: \$345.00 (standard airfare – not economy airfare, so cost may be slightly less)

Air Canada round trip: approximately \$550.00.

Accommodation cost:

In Edmundston shared room x 2 nights for required driver rest stay: approx.. \$400.00

In Montreal

This is a list costs per room for hotels that members can stay at as part of the bus trip. The accommodation cost is in addition to the bus fare. Please note – these hotels would be block booked as part of the bus trip group; there is no reservation made to date until the trip is certain to go ahead.

Holiday Inn Montreal Centre Ville Downtown C\$245.00 x 5 nights = \$1270.00
999 Saint Urbain Montreal, QC

Hotel Omni Mont Royal C\$259.00 x 5 nights = \$1295.00
1050 Sherbrooke St. West Montreal, QC

Intercontinental Montreal C\$219.00 x 5 nights = 1095.00
360 Saint Antoine St. Ouest Montreal, QC