

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Nova Scotia Provincial Convention
Spiritual Development Oral Report
June 9th – 10th, 2018

Madam President:

I would like to encourage members to read my Spiritual Development Report in the Convention Booklet. In my report, I have summarized activities which took place in the Antigonish and Halifax/Yarmouth Diocese in 2017. This oral report will focus on activities which have taken place from January 1st – June 1st 2018.

Communiqués: I sent out my 5th communique February 20th. In it I mention Jacqueline Nogier's 3rd National Spiritual Development Communique where she speaks about using prayer services and obtaining permission to use them if using someone else's. I encourage all members to read communiques online for all three levels: National, Provincial and Diocesan. While looking at these communiques, please look at the "Prayer Room" on the Provincial website. A prayer service or prayer is posted the first of each month. This gives you lots of ideas for the spiritual component of your monthly meetings. The website has them listed for the last 2 years so there are a lot of options to choose from.

Book of Life: There was no access to the National Deceased Members list until March this past year. This delayed preparing the Deceased Members Service for 2 months. For the year 2017, I entered 127 names of deceased members in the Nova Scotia Book of Life, 73 were in the Antigonish Diocese and 54 in the Halifax/Yarmouth Diocese, including 1 deceased Life Member. Following this Oral Report, there will be the Deceased Members Prayer Service. Just a couple of reminders: deadline for submitting deceased members names is December 31st. Please ensure spelling is correct and include the date of death. National does not require this date, but it is used on the Provincial level. Having said this regarding the date, please submit all names even if the date has passed. If the name is received after December 31st, it will be included in the following years' service – no one will be left out. Also, when sending in your notification to National – check the date on the bottom right hand corner of the form (in parenthesis). The latest form that came from National is dated 2014. Provincial is notified of deceased members by National. Councils do not notify Provincial.

This is my final report as a member of the Provincial Executive. I would like to thank Brenda Johnson, Antigonish Diocese, and Carol Pottie, Halifax/Yarmouth Diocese, for all their hard work, especially with finalizing the Provincial Book of Life. Thank you to Peggy for believing in me when she appointed me to Spiritual Development. I have learned so much. The League certainly is in good hands with these wonderful women.

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things!”

Mother Teresa

This concludes my report,

Mary ten Brinke