

Nova Scotia Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
January 1-December 31, 2019
Treasurer Report

Within the province of Nova Scotia there are 70 Parish Councils. For the year 2019, 38 annual reports were received. This represents approximately 55% response. There were three fewer reports submitted for the year 2019. The figures listed on the report form reflect the summary from these reports.

Donations received January 1 – December 31, 2019

National Voluntary Funds	
Coady International Institute	\$ 900.00
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace	
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$1,460.00
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (Until August 2020)	\$ 515.00
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	\$ 470.00
National Voluntary Fund Sub-Total	\$3,345.00
Standing Committees	
Spiritual Development	\$15,647.00
Organization	\$ 8,887.00
Christian Family Life	\$16,254.00
Community Life	\$25,885.00
Education & Health	\$20,072.00
Communications	\$ 2,011.00
Standing Committees Sub-Total	\$64756.00
Summary of Donations	
National Voluntary Funds Sub-Total	\$ 3,460.00
Standing Committees Sub-Total	\$88756.00
Parish Donations	\$77,175.00
Other Donations	\$ 170.00
Total Funds Reported 2019	<u>\$ 169,446.00</u>

All councils reported that their records were updated regularly, and that bank statements, cancelled cheques (for those councils that receive the cancelled cheques) and receipts are kept for a period of five years. Most councils require two signatures for all cheques issued, and it is standard that cheques not be issued without receipts. Most councils use ledgers to track their income and expenses. A few did use computer programs.

Over 55% of the treasurers that submitted their reports have held the Treasurer position more than once. Treasurers years of service ranged from less than five to over 25 years. The age of the members ranged from 25 to 85.

Most councils report having the records reviewed by an independent financial representative yearly. All councils prepare an annual report and present it at an annual or year end meeting.

Some councils do prepare an annual budget and present it for consideration at a general meeting. Almost all councils reporting have a copy of the "Guidelines for Treasurers Manual" and refer to it. All councils reported having the position of Treasurer filled within their Parish Council.

All councils report that the common months for collecting dues were December, January and February in the Halifax/Yarmouth Diocese and November, December, January and February within the Antigonish Diocese. The dues were remitted to the National office in accordance with the collections.

Fund raising initiatives include:

bake sales	raffle and ticket draws
tea and sales	flea markets and rummage sales
catering	Fashion show
auctions	Concerts
Parish dinners	Celtic Colours Concert

Provincially, we applied for funds to help defer the costs associated with a Diocesan/Provincial retreat and workshop that was to be held in September. Due to weather conditions, the retreat was not held, so the funds were not used.

An Ad-Hoc committee was formed to assess the structure of the League in Nova Scotia. In November of 2019, it was decided that funds would be made available to assist facilitators with the implementation plan education.

The Provincial Council has worked to cut some expenses. Our Winter Executive meeting is held by teleconference. This alleviates travel, meals and accommodation expenses. A fundraiser was held to assist members from Nova Scotia to attend the 2020 National Convention.

A budget for 2020 was presented and approved at the Annual Convention held in June 2019.

Respectively Submitted

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Nova Scotia Provincial Treasurer