



# Antigonish Diocesan CWL Newsletter

October, 2019

The greatest threat to our planet is the thought that someone else will save it.



## *Prayer to Sustain*

Lord, season after season,  
You continue to renew the face of the earth,  
"For from the greatness and beauty of created  
things  
Comes a corresponding perception of their  
Creator."  
Teach us, Lord,  
As members of The Catholic Women's League of  
Canada,  
To become attuned to our need to protect  
The beauty of our common home.  
May our efforts lead us to sustain its natural  
order,  
So that, in the words of Pope Francis,  
Our heritage is never "deprived of physical  
contact with nature."

re: National website power point on the  
Care for our Common Home

## **Janice MacDougall - ANTIGONISH DIOCESAN CWL PRESIDENT**

Happy Fall! As your "somewhat" new Diocesan President, Fall Conference is an excellent time to reach out to all parish council members. I want you to know that the members of the Antigonish Diocesan Executive are available to each of you ~ so connect with your Diocesan Counterpart, build a relationship, and work together to Care for Our Common Home! As League leaders, we want to encourage, promote and engage with each council.

Always keep in mind, that each and every member of a CWL Executive, at any level, are first and foremost, a parish council member. Also remember that, all other levels of The League are completely depending on your membership, involvement and ongoing dedication.

Each fall, we are given the opportunity, to embrace the many changes that face us at home, work and in our communities; changes to our routines, clothes, footwear, tires, attitude, projects, meal prep and eating habits, just to name a few!

The fall is also a time to finish, start or restart our favorite CWL projects. It is very important to remember to include each member, in all that we do. Keep your members and your community informed ~ if they don't know, they can't go!! Good communication is Key to the success of every organization. Have you heard about "The 40 Council Challenge"? I am happy to say that four invites have been received and accepted. Each visit was unique and special. Thank you for asking!! I am also happy to announce that hosts have been secured for Spring & Fall 2020 and also for Spring 2021.....GOD IS GOOD!

I ask that you pray for The League, at all levels, as we work together, to implement the Strategic Plan. Change is good, Change is needed. Change will ensure that The Catholic Women's League of Canada will remain for the next 100 years!! So, Come Care With US, as we embrace the League Theme: **Care for Our Common Home!**

*Janice MacDougall,*  
*Email: auntie273@gmail.com*

## **Doreen Boudreau – SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

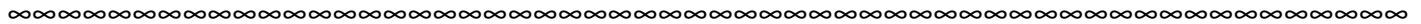
What a beautiful summer we just had! I hope you all had time to go out and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us here in eastern Nova Scotia. Personally, it was heaven!



God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all living things that move on the earth.” God also said: “See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food. (Genesis 27-29)

We received these wonderful gifts from a loving God. But along with the gifts came a great responsibility. It is our responsibility to take care of what God provided. This is our common home. Let us protect it so that future generations might continue to enjoy the gifts that were passed on to us.

*Doreen Boudreau*



## **Anne McCormick – DIOCESAN SECRETARY**

Summer is drawing to a close and that means a return to structure and responsibilities! I hope summer brought you rest, refreshment and an eagerness to return to CWL activities.

I am truly honored to serve as your Diocesan Secretary. As with any new chair this is a learning experience for me. Over the next two years I will take every opportunity to share with you what I have learned and I welcome tips that any of you are willing to share with me.

A large part of this chair involves minutes, agendas, correspondence and keeping files updated. In order to communicate effectively and efficiently with you, I need accurate contact information. Please take the time to check the information on the Antigonish Diocesan CWL Parish Councils Directory to make sure your contact information is correct. Let me know if there are any errors or omissions. Remember to contact me whenever your information changes.

Each year in Jan/Feb please complete the Parish Council Executive Contact Information sheet and send it to me. A copy of this sheet will be found in parish folders at fall conference.

If there is any information you want shared with all councils please contact me by phone or email.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us as we share our gifts in service for others.

*Anne McCormick*

## Julie Lelievre – PRESIDENT ELECT/ORGANIZATION

Welcome back to another year of CWL activities. I look forward to filling my new role, as Organization/President-Elect for the diocesan council. In my first memo, I have included suggestions for parish organization chairs: #1: Ideas for Recruiting New Members; #2: Promote and encourage members to attend Leadership/League training sessions; #3: Encourage members throughout the year, to consider positions on the executive. #4: Inform members of ‘who we are’ by reading part of the national C&B, at each parish council meeting. Please read the full memo for further details.

Strategic Planning information also falls under Organization standing committee. This is a major initiative from national and we need to keep members well informed. Councils have received “The Future of the League—Year 1” package by mail. (if misplaced, it can be reprinted from the national website). The Implementation process is ongoing, with planning being done to fulfill the goals and objectives through three working groups. Members have the opportunity to participate in focus groups, surveys, etc., so we all will have a strong connection to the final goal - a new League, an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women inspired by faith.

For more information visit the national website [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca); scroll down to “Quick Links”, then click on “Implementation of the Strategic Plan”.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide you in your league activities.

*God Bless,  
Julie*

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## Earlene Landry – EDUCATION & HEALTH



Community encompasses our common home. Parishes across the diocesan community are always looking for volunteers to help teach Catechism, serve as Eucharistic Ministers, lectures, hospitality and altar servers for mass. To offer your service as a volunteer to work with children, elderly, or any vulnerable person, you must have a criminal record check through your police service. During my workshop, I will speak about how easy that is. Volunteering helps provide a service for the Care of Our Common Home. Please consider volunteering to help in the many functions of your parish. *Many hands make light work.*

*Earlene Landry*



45<sup>th</sup> YEAR anniversary supper, St. Joseph's CWL council, North Sydney



St. Joseph's CWL Charter Members, North Sydney- Edna Jabalee, Carol Ann Power, Marguerite Higgins



Fr. Duncan MacIsaac cuts the cake, celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination, while the ladies of St. Francis de Sales serve lunch. (Please note, the above text was corrected on Oct 31, 2019)



President, Janice MacDougall and President-Elect/Organization, Julie LeLievre having some fun in the photo booth at the CWL National Convention in Calgary in August, 2019

### **Wanda Bruckschwaiger - COMMUNITY LIFE:**

I love Thanksgiving weekend! It is during this time that I am reminded of my many blessings as I make the annual trip to my childhood province in New Brunswick, to spend time with my family.

This is also a time when I am reminded of those who are not as fortunate. On my recent summer travels to Montreal, my husband and I were very sad to see many people sleeping on the streets with their few belongings. There are many reasons why the homeless choose or are forced to live this misfortunate life style.

**Care for our Common Home** came to mind. We all deserve to have proper housing that is safe and affordable.

The Canadian government has committed to help provide affordable housing and are working with many organizations and individuals to meet the needs of this vulnerable population.

We can still act on the CWL Resolution 2003.01 Affordable Housing for Low-Income Canadians. Write to your provincial and federal governments with your concerns.

CWL members are great supporters of the local community programs such as the women and men shelters, clothing depot and food banks.

As we walk the streets of our communities let us practise **CARE**.

**C** - Communicate- Reach out to someone. It starts with a simple "Hello"

**A** - Act- Do something! Don't just think about doing it or don't wait. Just do it!

**R** - Respect- Respect people's situation. Don't judge. Be aware of their boundaries.

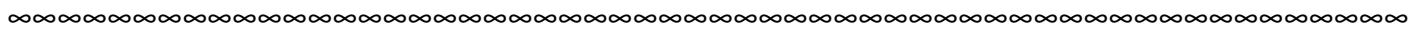
**E** - Engage- You just need to take that first step to make a world of difference for someone.

*God Bless, Wanda Bruckschwaiger*

## Ann Callahan – RESOLUTIONS

Hello everyone – my name is Ann Callahan. I am your Resolutions Chairperson for the next 2 years. With your help we will be striving to have a few resolutions and/or petitions presented at our next convention(s). Resolutions are devised from situations we see occurring and wish to have them rectified. We can do this in various ways – singularly, around kitchen table talks, or in groups of 2 or more. I am looking forward to lots of ideas coming forth at our Fall Workshop in October, 2019. Also, I am looking forward to meeting new people and seeing familiar faces.

*Ann Callahan*



## Kathleen Campbell – TREASURER

### BEING PRO-ACTIVE

In reference to the 2018 Annual Report our National Secretary-Treasurer – Janet MacLean stated in her Memo dated May 31, 2019 that:

Treasurers across Canada, from those in small parish councils to those in large parish, Diocesan or Provincial councils, worked tirelessly to ensure money was deposited, cheques written and expenses paid, so that the councils knew the financial situation at all times and that their finances were being looked after.

Keep your positive attitude alive. Never let your enthusiasm and love for your parish council and the league fade, this is your strength. Not a single effort you put in your ministry, of being treasurer, will be in vain. Your efforts are appreciated by all members.

Well done!

*Kathleen Campbell*

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## Jolene MacLellan - LEGISLATION



Hello everyone. Welcome to fall! I hope you had a wonderful summer, and that it has left you refreshed and relaxed. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jolene MacLellan. I have been a member of the CWL for the past 15 years. In that time, I have served as chairperson for Christian Family Life and Education and Health at the parish level for the former Saint Anthony Daniel Parish. I then became the first president of, what was then, the newly formed St. Marguerite Bourgeoys CWL council. Through all my time on council executives, this is my first time serving on the diocesan level of the CWL. In my role as chairperson of Legislation, I will be responsible for monitoring legislation that is before our government. I will then pass along important and actionable information to you. I look forward to working with the great group of women that serve as your diocesan executive, just as I look forward to working with all of you. I hope you have a wonderful fall, full of happiness and blessings.

*See you all at Fall Conference!!*

*Jolene Mac Lellan*

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## Helena MacLeod - COMMUNICATIONS

Hi everyone. It is with joy and much trepidation that I start my 2 years as chair of communications. What does the dictionary say communication is?



“To share or exchange information, news or ideas.”

The means of communication vary so much in our world of technology today. It is so much easier compared to years ago. At the click of a button we can send information. So ladies take the time to send your information from the parish level to diocesan, to provincial and beyond and we can keep each other informed of what goes on.

If you have a computer you can google [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) and find so much information through communiques and many other sources. If you know someone who doesn't have a computer, try to share with them any information you can.

Please continue to keep the lines of communication open so we can keep one another informed.

*God Bless and Keep us all,*

*Helena MacLeod*

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## Important Notices:

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys is having a Christmas Bake Sale at the Mayflower Mall, Sydney, Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Movie: “**Unplanned**” will be shown at St. Theresa's Hall, St. Peters Rd., Sydney at 6:30 pm

## Antigonish Diocesan Executive 2019-2021

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Legislation	Jolene MacLellan
Spiritual Development	Doreen Boudreau



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### Editor's Note:



Thank you to everyone for the articles you submitted for our newsletter. This has been a great learning experience as communication chair. Please continue to submit stories, news and events. We are a very vibrant CWL and we should share our achievements with everyone!

*Your sister in the League,  
Helena MacLeod  
CWL Communications chair*



(Honorary Life Member) Dr. Irene Le Fort

#### Life Members:

- Donna Bates*
- Joan Bona*
- Julie Le Lievre*
- Marilyn MacDonald*
- Claire MacDonnell*
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