

**Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Communications Annual Report
January 1 – December 31, 2018**

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

Communications is a key aspect in all organizations but especially in the Catholic Women's League of Canada since it informs members at the national, provincial and on parish levels. Chairpersons have many tools to provide this service to your valuable members. In Nova Scotia, 31 chairpersons from 70 parish councils reported on activity in their parish councils. One of the League's major tools for communications is the *League Magazine* and all councils rate it highly as an educational tool and a resource for advocacy, spirituality and new ideas for their parishes. This is reflected in some of the popular articles from the Winter and Spring issues in 2018 and they include: *Christ's Presence in the Eucharist, Mental illness and legislation, What's a human worth? Human trafficking price tag and Council finances – Everyone's business*. The *League Magazine* is indeed essential to promote the League and its activities, and councils encourage members to visit the National website (cwl.ca), Facebook and Twitter as well as the church bulletins and telephone committees. For information on the Nova Scotia Provincial Council, councils can check its website (cwl.ns.ca) for information on the Council's activities. In evangelization, eighty-four (84%) of the councils of the Antigonish Diocese financially support *Mass for Shut-Ins* with all councils reporting in Nova Scotia also support *Vision TV, Salt + Light TV* and the *Catholic Register*.

Approximately three quarters of the parish councils in Nova Scotia distributed the League's Pornography Hurts cards primarily in the months of April, May and October. All councils have taken steps to stay informed in the influence of pornography on children by reading newspaper articles and reviewing current legislation. Most of the councils reported that they did not know their member of parliament's platforms on pornography or human trafficking but some stated that they would contact their member to inquire.

The following resolutions were used as tools to educate members on internet safety especially regarding children:

- Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanism for Adult Pornography websites
- Resolution 2004.11 Link between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and the Mechanism for Killing
- Resolution 2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children

Most councils reporting on their views of the new National website liked the changes and found it user friendly, up-to-date on issues and enjoy the Daily Prayer corner. However, there were a few councils who found it difficult to navigate and not user-friendly.

As I conclude my first year in this committee, my appreciation and gratitude are extended to both Antigonish Diocesan chairperson, Earlene Landry and for Halifax-Yarmouth President, Janet Terrio (in lieu of the chair) for their diligent in forwarding the communiques from National Chairperson Doreen Gowans.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless each of you as you spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in your daily activities in your words and actions.

Ann Myers
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