

Communication is critical in our CWL activities since it affects all levels of the League ---National, Provincial, Diocesan and Parish and communication flows in both directions. This is evident in the reports received from the Diocesan chairs. Approximately twenty-eight (28) parish councils in Nova Scotia reported with many of its chairs having twenty (20) plus years in membership, though one report listed one chair with less than five (5) years. The League magazine has shown to be a primary tool for communication for CWL members, whether it is for educational or spiritual purposes as well as advocacy. The article 'Jesus the Best Communicator' [Winter 2019] was listed by both dioceses along with articles on human trafficking, 'The League of the Future' and oral reports from the 2019 National Convention. A suggestion was listed in a report to include more stories of members and councils which includes their challenges as well as their celebrations.

In promoting the League, a high percentage was given to supporting such faith-based programs such as Mass for Shut-Ins [Sydney, NS TV production], Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, both in viewing and supporting financially. Members were encouraged to visit CWL website (cwl.ca), Facebook and Twitter for news and information for their reports. Newsletters produced within parish councils was not common since it was found that they were expensive to print, and some members did not have email. On the other hand, email was popular tool to distribute meeting announcements and minutes to members while Canada Post was used for those without email. Other means to communicate to members include bulletin boards, church bulletins, telephone committees, and posters. Some councils invited the media to attend CWL events as well submitted material for publication. Some members took advantage of the home viewing of the National Convention speakers in Calgary.

Fifty percent (50%) of the reporting councils distributed the *Pornography Hurts* cards in their diocese in 2019. Closely connected to pornography is the responsible use of the Internet to protect our children and several resolutions were used to encourage members to educate themselves.

In this regard, *Resolution 2002.11: Responsible Internet Use for Children* was utilized to encourage members (63%) to educate themselves and their families on safe Internet use, though not many members encourage the federal government to take action to support research and develop tools for safe Internet use for children. Other resolutions used predominantly to encourage members to become educated on internet safety and appropriate use of technology include *Resolution 2017.02: Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornography* and *Resolution 2004.11: The Link Between Violent Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and the Mechanics of Killing*. Last June at the NS Provincial Convention, the Simon Sinek video on technology addiction was viewed resulting in members present asking for the link for a future showing in their councils.

In some cases, parish councils felt that information on Strategic Planning was not communicated adequately to their members, either shared from the National website (i.e. monthly updates) or the League Magazine. Only two councils have mentioned that they have viewed the Strategic Planning workshop entitled 'Guiding Principles' and most councils were not reciting the Renewal Prayer. On a more positive note, many councils in Nova Scotia have accessed the National website (cwl.ca) online for information and viewing publications such as the Executive Manual. In addition, most reporting councils were aware of the discontinuation of the 1 (888) number at the National Office.

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May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless each of you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as good communicators in your daily activities.

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