



**Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Nova Scotia Provincial Council**  
**Communications Communique #1**  
**Catholic and Living It**

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*"You must understand this my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak,  
slow to anger. James 1:19*

Dear Sisters in the League,

Welcome back to a New Year and hopefully hope for a better year. The past two years have been challenging because of the pandemic. Therefore, the hope for 2022 to be a great year is very much on every council's mind. So, as we step into 2022, a reminder for councils not to forget our members who are isolated and those in extended care.

**National Theme:** National President, Fran Lucas announced the new two-year theme, "*Catholic and Living It*". The logo and power point presentation can be found on the national website(cwl.ca).

**Canadian League Magazine:** The winter issue of *The Canadian League* magazine will reach members by mail in February. Those who have chosen to receive it in digital format only will continue to receive it that way. Betty Colaneri's, National Communication Chair, communique advises that this issue has many articles of interest, including information on the national convention in August. Members look forward to catching up in the news of our sisters across Canada

To offset the rising cost of printing and mailing the magazine, the decision was made to have one of the three issues of the magazine available online only. **Therefore, the spring issue of The Canadian League will be digital-only.** Perhaps council members could pass on their copy of that issue to those who do not have digital format.

**National emails:** National office has identified a communication issue for members using @sympatico.ca e-mail addresses. Staff are not receiving those e-mails as the League's provider, Shaw, does not trust the integrity of @sympatico.ca e-mails and is concerned they may be spreading viruses and spam. As such, Shaw is intermittently automatically blocking those e-mails. Unfortunately, staff have been advised that neither provider is currently able to rectify the situation permanently. It is recommended that you share this information with your members as they may wish to consider switching to an alternate provider for CWL communications such as Gmail (free service) moving forward.

**Newsletter Template:** One of the implementation committee's working groups (League misconceptions) has created a new newsletter template to assist councils at all levels in creating their own newsletter. This easy-to-use, flexible document in Microsoft Word format comes with suggestions of ideas and topics to showcase events, meetings, celebrations, special occasions and so much more. The template and its editing instructions can be found on the national website (cwl.ca). By clicking on 100 Series scroll down to where the template (145a) and (145b) are located. This is a great opportunity for parish councils to share their activities with other councils in Nova Scotia.

**On the Spot:** Reminder to our councils to submit pictures to National Office for posting to On the Spot. Betty advised that responses from the survey regarding the Canadian League Magazine indicated that many councils across Canada would like to see what other councils are doing.

**National Bursary Fund:** Two letters of recommendation must accompany the completed form. One letter of recommendation must be from the applicant's CWL parish council president, the other from a non-relative. Each letter must indicate the name of the reference, and his or her position and relationship to the applicant.

Applications **must be submitted to national office and postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. To ensure that no oversight occurs, the applicant should inform national office that the application has been sent. The bursary committee meets in June and the successful applicants are notified by letter. Announcement is made by June 30<sup>th</sup> on cwl.ca and in *The Canadian League*.

**National Website:** Stay connected with the League through cwl.ca, Facebook, Twitter and e-mail. ds to inform them of what the League is and what members are doing through the many stories. Share with others that the League is active and continues to provide gifts of faith, service and social justice.

**Resources:** The new What We Do poster, postcard and bookmark are also helpful tools for recruiting new members. The beautiful images symbolize the outstanding work members do that will inspire others to join the League. It is located under Resources in the 300 Series: Promotional Material. the website regularly for updates from the implementation committee and to tap into other valuable resources. Members have been gifted with many resources at their fingertips. It is up to us to spread the word! As well, you can purchase "Gratitude" postcards from National Office. These are beautiful cards to send to individuals in expressing and reflecting on our gratitude.

**Food Bank Project:** if you haven't begun to participate in this project to booster the supplies at your local foodbank you have until June 30, 2022. Refer to the parish memo from Faith Anderson, National Chair of Community Life.

**Websites:** Again, there are plenty of resources and event details. As well if you are seeking information for your area just leave a message on the website and it will be passed on to the particular diocesan president.

**Nova Scotia Provincial Site:** <https://www.nsprovincialcwl.com/>

**Antigonish Site:** <https://antigonishdiocesancwl.ca/>

**Halifax-Yarmouth Site:** <https://www.halifaxyarmouthcwl.com/>

**Should you require any further information on any item mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

