

President's Communique 2023-2025/03      January 18,2024  
Happy New Year Fr. John and Dear Sisters in the League,

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5 16-19

### **Workshops produce leaders**

At a recent provincial president's meeting we learned if you want to get leaders present workshops. You could also combine it with a fun activity of your choice and to make it really effective, invite other councils to attend. National has many great workshops. Some of you will remember the “Catch the Fire” program and all the new members and leaders that came out of that program.

### **Kamloops Convention June 20-22, 2024**

We recently received news that Shari Guinta our national president will be attending our 2024 Kamloops convention. Conventions are great learning experiences! The convention packages will be sent out March 15th. A big thank you to the Kamloops convention ladies. They are doing a wonderful job!

### **Parish League Development Fund**

All parish councils in BC/Yukon should set up a Parish League Development Fund so that money is available to attend conventions.

### **Photo Contest**

67 pictures were entered in the Photo Contest. Thank you to everyone who participated. Hopefully you had fun deciding which pictures to send under Faith, Service and Social Justice, and that you now understand the 3 new core values. The winning certificates will be awarded at the provincial convention.

### **National theme**

The new national theme is “Here I am Lord , send me.” with a focus on mental health. Shari Guinta said, “Councils are encouraged to investigate the theme and discern where they are being called to serve in this area. Mental health encompasses many topics. Some of them are anxiety, depression, eating disorders, sleep problems, suicide, and violent behaviour. There is good

information on what constitutes good mental health. Take the time to invite guest speakers, and put on workshops and seminars on these topics.

**Our provincial theme is “Joyfully Serving the Lord”.**

**Our logo is the butterfly.**

**Our prayer is “Prayer of St. Francis”.**

**Our song is “Here I am Lord”.**

### **National’s membership campaign - the power of “1” (One)**

The purpose of this campaign is to recruit, retain and regain members. Please go to the national website [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) and review Betty Colaneri’s communique #3 for more information. Thank you!

### **League Crest Reminder**

Please note. You cannot use the League crest without getting written permission from the national office. You also need to leave enough time for the permission to be processed. For example. if you make a poster and want the League crest on it, you must have permission to do so.

### **2024 Important Dates to Remember**

Seton Provincial Spring midterm March 14-17

Kamloops Provincial convention June 20-23

Saskatoon National Convention August 11-14

Seton Provincial Fall midterm October 3-6

*“All of us who are baptized are missionary disciples. We are called to become a living Gospel in the world.”* Pope Francis