

President's Communique
January 23, 2025

2023-2025/07

Dear Sisters in the League and Fr. John Garden,
Happy New Year to all of you. Wishing you health, happiness, humor, holiness and prosperity in 2025!

I particularly like the following prayer by St. Teresa of Avila titled,

In Service to God

Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord,
so that my soul may always be serving you
in the way you will
and not as I choose.

Let me die to myself so that I may serve you;
let me live to you who are life itself.

Modernizing your Councils.

Do you need a fresh approach to your League work? Do you need some new projects that would attract new and younger members, immigrants, and shut ins? Does your meeting room need freshening up with a coat of paint, new chairs and tables? What about some interesting speakers?

New Provincial Vice president

Our new interim provincial vice president is Laura Esposito. Please take the time to welcome her. She comes to us with enthusiasm, experience and a good heart. She is a real treasure!

“Time spent with the sick is holy time” Pope Francis

Please remember our senior members especially those in care homes, hospitals and hospice. Pope Francis said “Occasionally our world forgets the special value of time spent at the bedside of the sick, since we are in such a rush, caught up as we are in a frenzy of doing, of producing. We forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others and being responsible for others.”

Another group I want you to remember, welcome and care for

Let's keep our new immigrants in our prayers and thoughts. If we stop we realize our families started out as immigrants. Welcoming and caring is as simple as a smile, a word of welcome at Mass, or asking their name and country of origin. It can also be as wonderful as journeying with them to enroll their children in schools, helping with paperwork, finding them accommodations and jobs, including them in family gatherings on weekends and inviting them to join the League.

Your place is among us

Sharon Geiger, our provincial past president, has sent out letters asking certain members to be part of the new provincial executive. I really urge you to consider this honor. Many of you have a great deal of League experience. We need you to step up to

these positions. What does that mean? It means you need to move out of your comfort zone. It means you don't have to do the position alone, God and the new executive will help you. It means you will have an amazing experience meeting new people, learning new concepts and deepening your faith. You will never regret your decision to be on the provincial council. Many thanks for considering this!

Diocesan Conventions

Because all the diocesan conventions are on the same weekend in early May

The following executive will represent me at the diocesan conventions.

Kamloops Sharon Geiger

Prince George Laura Esposito

Nelson Renee Johnson

Vancouver Angelina Stiglich

Whitehorse does not have a convention

I will be attending the Victoria convention.

Kelowna Provincial convention - June 19-21, 2025

National Toronto convention - August 11-13

Toronto WUCWO meeting - August 10th

Annual Reports

A big thank you to all of you for filling in the annual reports and sending them to national.

The BC/Yukon summary gives me an overview of what is happening in our province and territory. It is very impressive and helps me plan the next 5 months.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us and thank you for all you do for God and Canada