

Date: August 22, 2023

## Provincial President's Communique 2023 - 2025

Greetings dear Sisters in the League and Fr. John Garden,  
For those of you that don't know me, I have been a member for almost 30 years. During that time, I have always been on the executive at either the parish, diocesan or provincial level and enjoyed every minute of it. I am married to Art. We have five children and 16 grandchildren.

### **R\*E\*S\*P\*E\*C\*T**

Unfortunately, Fran Lucas, our former national president, communicated that a number of members are verbally abusing the national Catholic Women's League staff. At no time is verbal abuse acceptable.

### **Communiques**

Communiques are to be sent to me first so I can review them. It will then go back to you if corrections are needed. You then need to send it to the secretary, and she will send it to the other members.

A number of things to watch out for when writing communiques.

- 1) There have been complaints about too much information being sent out. Keep your communiques simple and brief. If you want to list resources, name just a few and then add some in your next communique.
- 2) Do not send a national communique attached to your provincial communique. Encourage members to go to the national website. Summarize what you want to say from the national communique or take a direct quotation.
- 3) Always make sure you do not plagiarize. Put quotation marks around direct quotations or summarize in your own words.
- 4) If you read or see something that would be beneficial to another chairperson, send it to her.
- 5) Go online and see what other provinces are doing by reading their communiques.

### **BC/Yukon Diocesan presidents**

Kamloops: Lynn Langley

Nelson: Debbie Cloutier

Prince George: Maria Tejero

Vancouver: Sherray Duran

Victoria: Bertha Landry

Whitehorse representative: Carol Vanderbyl

### **The new provincial BC/Yukon executive consists of:**

Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Garden

President: Catherine L'Heureux

Past President: Sharon Geiger

Secretary: Kathy Weswick

Treasurer: Renee Johnson

Vice President: Sylvia Jurys

Faith: Victoria Oppertshauser

Service: Laura Esposito

Social Justice: Angelina Stiglich

Life Member Liaison: Evelyn Rigby

Thank you for taking on these executive positions. I look forward to working with all of you.

### **Support the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition**

Even though EPU is no longer a League voluntary fund, please support this very important organization.

### **Photo Contest**

Attached please find a colorful poster announcing our photo contest titled "A picture is worth a thousand words." Thank you, Christa Grillmair and Victoria Oppertshauser, for helping me with this. Because we are transitioning to the three new core values of Faith, Service and Social Justice, I thought a contest would help us understand the three new values. Please read the contest poster carefully and follow the instructions, especially the deadline of January 1, 2024. Good luck to all of you!

### **National's new theme: "Here I am Lord, send me"**

This does not go into effect until January 1, 2024.

### **The new national executive is:**

Spiritual Advisor: Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

President Shari Guinta

Vice President: Betty Colinera

Past President; Fran Lucas

Secretary Treasurer: Dorothy Johansen

Faith; Rolande Chernichon

Service: Jolene Bellineau

Social Justice: Glenda Carson

Life Member Liaison: Jacqueline Nogier

### **Wildfires**

**Thank you to everyone who prayed for those affected by wildfires. We are extremely grateful for your prayers and concern.**

### **Important Dates to Remember**

Provincial fall mid term                      September 28 - October 1   Kelowna

Photo contest deadline                      January 1, 2024

Provincial Spring mid term                      March 21-24, 2024           Kelowna

Provincial Convention                      June 20-23, 2024           Kamloops

National Convention                      August 11-14, 2024,           Saskatoon

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you!