

Life Member Liaison Report Annual Meeting, June 12, 2021

Theme – Cast Out Into the Deep, 2002-2004

The theme, Cast Out Into the Deep, brings to mind visions of fishermen seeking a bigger catch of the day and venturing further from the safety of shore. From events reported in the media, we recognize that this can be a dangerous, perhaps even perilous decision. Yet that is what Jesus told the apostles to do, not only for that big catch of fish but to become fishers of men and women. Accompanied by the Holy Spirit and fortified by their faith in Christ, that is exactly what they did.

As CWL members, how did we take the call from Christ, “to Cast Out Into the Deep” and put it into action? One of the ways was through resolutions, which during this period of time included, Protection of Human Life, National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, Responsible Internet Use for Children, Water Use in Canada, and Affordable Housing for Low Income People, to name a few. Some of these resolutions probably resonate with you, because we are still fighting to have them put in place by our governments. Interestingly, a committee reviewed the structure of the League and the roles and responsibilities of its various levels and compiled an informative resource... Leading the League, to inform new members and facilitate training courses...does this sound familiar? At the grassroots level, we continue to work in our parishes to support projects that are close to home, like our food banks, palliative care and pro-life activities, always doing our best to be welcoming and supportive of our CWL sisters and fellow parishioners.

As Life Member Liaison for our Diocese, I have sent cards, emails and made phone calls to provincial and national life members to let them know that we are thinking of them and praying with them in whatever circumstances they may be experiencing. I am also responsible for passing on information from provincial and National levels to our life members. Being available to be a mentor or helpmate to members at all levels is also a way in which Life members are active participants.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest Life Member, Lynne Rowlandson, from Holy Trinity Parish in Englehart. Our numbers have now risen to 4. Congratulations, Lynne, and welcome.

Stepping out of our comfort zones or “Casting Out Into the Deep” can be a frightening thing for landlubbers like ourselves. However, with God and Our

Blessed Mother's help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we do that. As a result we are rewarded with new experiences, friendships and skills. Going over our history as a League, I believe that right from the beginning we have been "Casting Out Into the Deep" and have grown as Catholic women and co-sailors in our journey as CWL members.

Respectfully submitted

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