



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

National Theme: *Love One Another*

Provincial Theme: *Walk Humbly With Our God*

February 15, 2008

Dear Sisters and Brother in the League,

While it's hard to think about spring and conventions with so many of us being snowed in, my calendar reminds me that time is marching on! So I write to sow the seeds of convention thoughts and to personally invite each and every one of you to Williams Lake from May 28 to June 1, 2008.

The Planning Committee has been working hard to ensure a warm welcome come May when the city will be at its best. For those who have never been that far north, you are in for a treat and a chance to experience more of our beautiful province.

As a provincial executive we continue to use our 'working' **TEAM** theme to build up our Catholic Women's League to grow in faith, service and charity. The agenda will be interesting, varied and geared to our **TEAM** focus. Special guests include a number of our BC Bishops who will **TEACH** us individually and collectively; Father Terry Brock will bring **EVANGELIZATION** to life by introducing us to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and her dedicated life of service; chairpersons' reports will **ANIMATE**, reminding us why we belong to the CWL and to top it all off, our National President will provide a workshop to **MOTIVATE** and affirm! All this and much more.....

If you haven't experienced the joy of convention, now is the time! You will have an opportunity to learn, share, make new, or renew, old friendships but most of all see the League at its best. You will be motivated by the testimony of other members and animated when you see what great things have been done this year. With our membership nearing the magical 10,000 mark, we will be challenged to share the joys of membership with others.

As always, the Planning Committee has a huge job and I thank the dedicated members for all the work done so far and in advance for what's to come. We are grateful to Sacred Heart Parish Council for hosting us but in a particular way we thank the planning committee and the Kamloops Diocesan Council for orchestrating all the details thus far.

Let us remain grounded in Hope, not only in being outwardly optimistic, but rather people who know "this hope of ours leads us towards a goal which is certain... and is great enough to justify the effort of the journey." (Spe Salve 1).

Your Sister in the League

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