



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

**Alberta Mackenzie Life Member Liaison Oral Report
Convention 2023 Edmonton**

Madam President:

It was truly an honor to be asked by Mary Hunt, to be the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL Life Member Liaison during her term from 2022-2024.

Alberta Mackenzie is proud to have 3 Honorary Life Members and 28 Life Members. As most of you know, the criteria to be an Honorary Life Member is that an individual has had to have been a National CWL President. This year, we will look forward to adding our current National President, Fran Lucas to this prestigious group.

What Is the criteria for a Life Membership' in the League? The nominee must meet 20 criteria items that is listed in the application forms. This is not an award, but rather a commitment to demonstrate her love for the League, her encouragement to others and her ability to participate in study, research, presentations, workshop, etc. She must be available and willing to continue to serve the League at national level on committees, preparing briefs, researching reports to name a few. The detailed criteria and process for this membership can be found in the CWL National Policy and Procedures on pages 32 & 33.

As provincial Life Member Liaison, I am the conduit between the National Life Member Liaison Doreen Gowans and our members in Alberta Mackenzie. Once a month, prayer requests, information about special events such as birthdays and anniversaries are sent to Doreen so that she can do a communique that is sent out to all the National HLM/LM's and National Officers, in order to keep us connected. I also look after the book of Life for this group of ladies. Sadly, in February 2022, we mourned the loss of Life Member and Past ABMK Provincial President, Sheila Houle, from the St. Paul Diocese. Sheila was small in stature, but mighty in her work for her community, CWL and for God. She truly was a blessing to the League.

I have so appreciated keeping in touch with our members either by email or by phone to share information. This past Christmas I sent out Christmas cards to our HLM's/LM's. I also send out get well cards to any ladies that are in need of healing prayers and good wishes. I would like to ask for prayers of healing for three of our Life Members that recently had surgeries and are now recuperating. Please remember Florence Bernakevitch, Lynne Persson and Ruth Boden in your prayer. May 'Our Lady of Good Counsel' keep them in her loving graces.

A highlight during my past year was being able to attend the Edmonton Diocesan CWL 110th anniversary celebration of the formation of the first group of women that would become known as the Catholic Women's League. A mass was celebrated with Edmonton Diocesan CWL Spiritual Advisor, Father Simmy Joseph at St. Joachim Catholic church. This was followed by a lovely brunch at the Chateau Louis Hospitality centre. I look forward to the next year and staying connected to these wonderful ladies.

This completes my report.

June Fuller
Provincial Life Member Liaison