



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, February 28, 2022—The national executive/board of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, consisting of national officers and provincial presidents representing members across the country, met in Toronto, February 17-19, for its annual winter meeting. All health and safety protocols were adhered to. Roundtable discussions were held with the national officers and provincial presidents on important issues of concern that affect members, Catholic women, their families and communities.

National President Fran Lucas welcomed the board to its first entirely in-person meeting since February 2020. Over the course of three days, the business sessions dealt with significant issues of governance, operations and reports. The board was encouraged by the strategic plan initiatives and the progress being made by the implementation committee as it prepares to initiate the suggested changes.

Dr. Anne Jamieson, Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, gave a presentation called "Three Stories and a News Flash," an inspirational and creative reflection of her journey with her new appointment to the Vatican's International Council for Catechesis. In addition, she shared the good news that plans are underway for the 2025 Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*.

Members were encouraged to continue with the Gratitude Project initiated by the centenary committee as a way of thanking frontline workers and anyone who has helped their community during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was filled with fruitful discussion and important information that will be brought to the membership at the national annual meeting of members in August 2022. Members at all levels have become proficient in meeting online but look forward to resuming regular in-person meetings as soon as restrictions allow.

About The Catholic Women's League of Canada

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, founded in 1920, is one of the largest organizations of women in Canada with more than 63,000 members represented in every province, territory and the military. The League is organized and pledged to serve all citizens and has often received the commendation and keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.

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