

July 21, 2021



Greetings from St. Boniface Diocesan Life Members

On behalf of the Life Members of St. Boniface Diocesan Council, this letter is our collective outreach and appeal for your very necessary and important collaboration and assistance.

Due to pandemic restrictions, St. Boniface Diocesan Council hosted its 72nd and 73rd Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) via Zoom on June 29, 2021. Elections for a new diocesan executive formed part of the AMM, resulting in a new executive consisting of: Past President, Paulette Chase; Treasurer, Suzanne Moore; and Standing Committee Chairperson, Connie McCorrister-Moravick. The necessary officer positions of President, and Secretary remain vacant, as well as the need for at least one or more Standing Committee Chairpersons. St. Boniface Diocesan Council is the link to Manitoba Provincial Council and the national level of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Without the leadership of a diocesan executive, 15 CWL parish councils within the Archdiocese of St. Boniface are essentially left afloat on their own.

Your St. Boniface Life Members are mindful of their commitment to the League to mentor and support. In our appeal to you, we draw inspiration from a quote of St. Boniface which appears in promotional workshops of the League's Strategic Plan: *"In her voyage across the ocean of the world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on course."*

Following consultation with the national and provincial levels of the League, St. Boniface Life Members request your attendance to a special meeting being convened to discern the path forward for St. Boniface Diocesan Council. This meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 11th, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** with the location to be determined nearer to the date of the meeting. If pandemic conditions restrict meeting in person, a Zoom meeting will be convened instead for the same date and time. A follow-up meeting is provisionally scheduled for Saturday, September 25th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with location TBD.

All parish councils are requested to be represented either by the president or a designate from the parish council executive. The current diocesan executive, Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Joshua Gundrum, St. Boniface Life Members, as well as the president and president-elect of Manitoba Provincial Council are also requested to attend this important meeting. Please share this letter with your executive and membership. Over the next two months, parish council executives are asked to please pray and discern names of members in their council who may be open to being appointed to a vacant position on diocesan council. Feel free to connect with those members about their interest and availability to serve.

Please RSVP your attendance to the meeting of September 11th to rolande.cwl@gmail.com. Also, please make note on your calendar to attend the follow-up meeting of September 25th. We look forward to meeting with all of you.

May we discern and proceed with the assistance of the Holy Spirit and with our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, interceding for us.

Blessings,

Rolande Chernichan
Life Member and Manitoba Provincial Past-President

cc: Archbishop Albert LeGatt