

The provincial executive has designated two morning workshops as follows. Diocesan presidents will attend Executive Workshop 101 while the organization chairpersons will attend a workshop on annual reporting. As a follow-up, participants will be commissioned to offer the first workshop to their own parish councils before elections take place and the second before the annual reporting period. The WOW (Workshop on Wheels) team and life members would be available to assist those who need them. The afternoon workshops, *Spirituality: A Day of Discovery* and *The Benefits of Reflexology*, will be offered for all and will be geared to the well-being of members spiritually and physically. Workshop day will begin and end with a liturgical service led by the spiritual development chairperson, as is the custom.

Next year, 2007, will be a remarkable year for members in Quebec. Not only will we host the next national convention, but we will also celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year as a provincial council. As always, we will rise up to any challenges these two events may bring. Needless to say, we have been busy preparing for the 2007 annual national convention. One of the special events planned is a trip to Quebec City, the venue of the 49<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress, and we hope that you will come and see us. We will pray together, work together and play together. Believe me – you'll be glad you came!



**SASKATCHEWAN  
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**Joan Petracek**

Saskatchewan Provincial Council has established a social justice award beginning this September. The award is intended for young women who engage in social justice activity, either at home or abroad. Young women between the ages of 18 and 35 years will be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in one year, upon application. Monies have been assigned for the next 10 years and it will be reviewed at that time.

The provincial executive has completed revision, as of June 2006, of the provincial manual of policy and procedure, which was last updated in 1993. The new manual is much more stream-lined and user-friendly. Following the model of the national manual, it contains one topic per page, making any future changes easily done.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, three provincial executive members and Velma Harasen, National Chairperson of Education and Health, had meetings with two government ministers. The meeting with the agriculture minister centred around Resolution 2005.03 Farmers' Rights to Save Seed, as well as

finishing plants, ethanol production and social justice issues related to the general state of agriculture in Saskatchewan. In our meeting with the minister of Northern Affairs/Status of Women, we brought forward the issues of child poverty, crystal methamphetamine and support for women in prison.

A tentative meeting is scheduled with the health minister in September which will be timely given the acceptance at provincial convention of the resolution Saskatchewan Provincial Health Care Funding of Treatment for all Forms of Age-related Macular Degeneration.

An emergency resolution, Terminator/Genetic Use Restriction Technology, was adopted at convention and gifted to national.

My attendance at the WUCWO General Assembly was an awakening to the many beautiful women in many countries, particularly in Africa. Two members of the provincial executive attended with me. Two of our goals now are the twinning with members in Zambia and connecting with a farming project for women in Ghana. We look forward to interacting with those Catholic League members, as well as doing presentations within our own parishes and dioceses. We hope to spread the enthusiasm and spirituality that we gained by attending the WUCWO General Assembly.

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