

B.C. & Yukon Provincial President Catherine L'Heureux

Madame president,

Members in B.C. & Yukon have continued to persevere with their good works “For God and Canada.” Councils are meeting in person and are very glad to be reconnecting with their sisters in the League.

I am very proud to report that we had a very successful year recruiting many new members.

National Past President and Chairperson of Laws Anne-Marie Gorman presented the Unity Outreach at our spring mid-term meeting with lively input from our executive members, and Fr. David John gave us a beautiful reflection on the Gospel of John.

In May, our Christian family life chairperson attended the March for Life at the legislature in Victoria, with many members accompanying her.

Four of our six dioceses celebrated conventions and one diocese held an annual meeting of members (AMM). The Unity Outreach was presented to each diocesan executive meeting before their convention. A highlight for our now-past president was to present the Unity Outreach to the Whitehorse Diocesan Council—it was very successful as members welcomed the project. Presentations were also given at the diocesan conventions.

The diocesan executive then proceeded to present the Unity Outreach to all parish councils in their diocese, and can you imagine some have completed the visits to all their parish councils already?

It was a slow start to organize the provincial convention in Prince George, but it turned out to be very successful. As we all know, God provides, and we ended up gaining new and younger members who worked really hard, learned much and loved the convention. The 117 members in attendance can attest to having experienced “faith, fun and fulfillment.” We had the pleasure of having National President Fran Lucas attend and present a workshop on leadership, which led to many discussions around the table. During this convention, two members received their life membership, and we are so excited to have five members from B.C. & Yukon receive their life membership this year. The Molly Boucher Bursary was awarded to a student from Our Lady of Lourdes in West Kelowna.

We were sad to say goodbye to Provincial Spiritual Advisor Fr. David John, but we are excited to have Fr. John Garden from Immaculate Conception Parish in the Prince George Diocese, installed as the new spiritual advisor along with the installation of the new provincial executive at the closing mass.

The national bursary was awarded to two members from our province—one from Langley and the other from New Westminster. That was a blessing for them.

Moving forward, members are excited about what will happen next with the Unity Outreach, as well as the new transition to the three standing chairpersons of faith, service and social justice.

The next part of our journey will be challenging but rewarding. The need to educate members and collaborate with the three standing chairpersons will be encouraged.

The B.C. & Yukon members are ready and willing to move the League forward with enthusiasm.

This concludes my report. †