

President's Report – April 2022

So as you have already noticed, I was unable to attend tonight's meeting as I am at our summer camping spot on Vancouver Island. I would love to tell you that it is beautiful sunny weather, but it has done nothing but rain most of the time, mixed in with a bit of hail. On the positive side, daffodils are in full bloom everywhere, which of course makes me think of Easter.

Can't believe it is Holy Week already and life is slowly starting to get back to normal. I am hoping to be back home before this weekend so that I can celebrate the Easter masses with all of you, as I have missed this yearly tradition.

So I don't mean to be a nag, but I do want to remind you about the Diocesan Convention in a couple of weeks. Was hoping to hear that more of our members would be registering to go, for at least the Friday. Then I remembered that I haven't talked about who the guest speaker is this year. Sandra Prather, whom many of you should know, will be doing a mini-retreat called:

"Catholic and Living It! Walk in the Light" Easter has broken in once again and with it, our awareness of the gift of Christ in our lives. Jesus announces, "I am the light of the world," and we who have experienced darkness know what a gift that is. Together, we will reflect on the light of Christ: how it breaks into our darkness; how we are called to be light-bearers for one another; and what that means in a world where darkness, at times, seems to reign

Followed in the afternoon by a workshop:

"Catholic and Living It! Through the Women of the Bible"

Lastly at 3:00 guest speaker:

Archbishop Richard Smith "Catholic and Living! 100 years of Faithful Service

At 5:00 there will be mass with Archbishop Smith at the new church in Camrose and which is beautiful to see.

And then who can't resist a free Wine & Cheese at 6:30 put on by the Knights from Camrose.

Have I enticed you yet?

Also the Diocesan executive are selling coffee mugs for the 100th Anniversary of the Diocesan Convention. This is a fund raising activity, to assist with the purchase of the stained glass window at Sacred Heart church. These can also be

ordered whether you attend the convention or not, since I am the keeper of the cup, I would gladly sell one to any of you – only \$10.00 each.

Diocesan have been very busy little bees (they must know spring is here) and have created a Newsletter using the new format from National. A link to the newsletter is under Diocesan on our website and have made a few copies for your reading pleasure. Perhaps we should try again to produce one of our own!

Well this meeting has been full of asking for volunteers, which you probably have all rolled your eyes and said, here we go again. But let us put this in a positive tone, if we need volunteers, that means we are an active council and are able to have events like before. We have all had a two year break from being able to continue to do our good works. We had a wonderful response to our flower making project so let us continue to have many more memorable events like the last one.

With time, women gain weight because we accumulate so much knowledge and wisdom in our heads that there is no more room in there and it distributes it to the rest of our bodies.

So we aren't heavy, we are enormously educated, cultured and happy. Beginning today when I look in the mirror I will think.

Good grief....look how smart I am!

Side note – just told this saying to my husband and he replied by saying “I am way too smart!!! hahaha