



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Parish Presidents, President-elects, Past Presidents,
and all members of the London Diocese Catholic Women's League

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"Therefore, as **God's** chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and **patience.**" [Colossians 3:13](#)

We are praying that everyone is safe and well in this time of uncertainty. And in well, we mean both physically and mentally. It is a challenging time, and we must be aware of the feelings of **LONELINESS** that are part of the times. Reach out with calls, drive-by's, and any other way you can to those who are isolated and in need of a friendly smile! Trust in the Lord! He will deliver us!

We hope you have been able to attend many of the masses, devotional hours, etc that are being live streamed on the internet and on TV. Many parishes are becoming very proficient in the different aspects of the technology world!

Bishop Fabbro has announced on May 26th that our churches will remain closed until the end of June. He is working with the Canadian Conference of Bishops, and the Ontario Bishops to bring a safe opening back to our churches and communities. He also in the same message has asked that no gatherings happen until at least Labour Day. For the CWL, this extends our lockdown until that time. As the province opens up and as our Bishop allows, our meetings and gatherings can begin again. **Please do not book yard sales or bazaars, etc. until this lockdown is released by Bishop Fabbro. We pray that our monthly meetings will be able to resume in the fall, so watch for these announcements.**

Regarding our convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration, this will need to be postponed into 2021. In consultation with Bishop Fabbro, Fr. Greg Bonin and your executive, the decision to move into 2021 was made. We feel given the age of our members, and the amount of time needed to plan an event, that this is the best decision for the Catholic Women's League of the London Diocese.

Our fall meetings, gatherings, bazaars, etc. are dependent on the turn of the virus. The presidents writing this directive highly recommend that no large gatherings, fundraisers and sales be planned for 2020. Let's concentrate on how we can assist our communities with our time and talents for the remainder of this year, and leave the financing to 2021. Part of our reasoning is that many, many families have been economically challenged with loss of job, reduction in pay, increased expenses and it would not be wise to tax or burden these families with sales of non-essential items.

Our celebrations in April 2021 are slated to happen in Woodstock. The Ingersoll Region has been planning for the past couple of years. We hope we will be able to meet in Woodstock for our next large gathering. In Chatham, the John D. Bradley Convention Center has been turned into a safe house / shelter for the homeless and those in need. We will be unable to use this venue for some time. Watch the website for further info.

An important task for all is to write letters to your MPP's and the Ontario government on the horrible situations with Long Term Care Facilities. Excellent examples are part of these directives. We need your help! If you are able to write a letter, please let your Regional Chairperson know as national is asking for a count of letters sent.

As an executive, we are committed to continue to serve you our membership to the best of our abilities until such time we can meet again.....**AND THEN, WE WILL PRAY, PARTY AND CELEBRATE** as only the CWL can do!

Blessings

Rebecca, Theresa & Angela

Have a safe summer!