

Convention Talk 2018 – Mary Lappan

How have I been inspired by the Spirit and responded to God's call as Treasurer?

Good question. But how do I answer it?

The Executive Handbook states that "Every organization must have sound financial control in order to meet its goals". All Catholic Women's League Councils must have sound financial control over their accounts. Members must be confident that their hard earned money is safe, and have confidence in their treasurer.

Keeping this in mind, you would think that wisdom, or knowledge or understanding of the programmes used for the daily tasks associated with the treasurer's position would be the answer but there are other gifts that are just as important.

In the prayer associated with our theme, we ask God to inspire and bless the members of the Catholic Women's League so that the fruits of your spirit may be evidenced in all that we say and do.

The nine fruits of the spirit include love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Of these fruits, for myself, four stand out.

My patience has certainly increased because sometimes it's hard to make two plus two equal four. I am filled with joy when two plus two does equal four and the books balance. Faithfulness – knowing that the work needs to be done on a continuous basis and I can't leave it to do later. But most of all love. Doing the mundane jobs attached to this position can be very monotonous at times but I truly loved being your treasurer the last four years.

May all current and future treasurers be empowered by the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.