



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Organization Chairpersons
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Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love Mother Teresa

Does your council have a welcome kit for new members? There is a great resource on the Ontario C.W.L. provincial website called “Welcome Program 2020” There are ideas on attracting new members and how to keep them by making them feel welcome.

The pandemic has proved what a resourceful group of women we are. A lot of us have stepped out of our comfort zone and tried new methods for meeting, e.g., zoom meetings, go to meetings etc. I am simply amazed how well you have done collecting membership renewals during this time. Perhaps some of the responsibility was shared and new methods tried.

An online Compassionate Care program, a workshop for online membership and a Lenten retreat were all offered and well attended. Perhaps you shared a guest speaker online with your members as I know Windsor region will be doing.

Does your council have a copy of the Constitution & Bylaws? When the national sent out their amendment motions, a lot of confusion arose, as some members did not realize what was already in the bylaws. Taking time to read through this or the National Policy & Procedure would be a good thing for you to do especially since we are still in lockdown. Both these books are available to read online at www.cwl.ca “to organize” and then “600 series manuals”

I want to thank all those who filled in their annual surveys and urge you to continue to do so in the coming years. It is through the results of those surveys, that the standing committee chairpersons can make their report on your activity for our annual report book. These reports are passed on to the provincial so their counterparts can make their reports, and then finally up to the national level. These reports may seem a little removed from us but remember they were generated from the grass roots, the parish council.

I urge those who have registered for the A.M.M. to step up and learn a new way of meeting for all our good.

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