



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

To: All Parish Presidents, Organization Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Chairperson Colleen Martin
From: Mary Bannon, President-Elect/Organization
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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller

ANNUAL REPORTS/SURVEYS: National CWL has placed these annual questionnaires on its website, www.cwl.ca to be filled in. Snap Surveys will be used to collect the annual council activity information. National officers have chosen their questions and a new survey has been loaded onto the site. This year it was decided there would be one survey per council instead of one survey for each position. The reduction from 12 surveys to one will make the reporting process more user-friendly and efficient, cause less demand on the technical capability of parish executive, eliminate confusion about which council activities fall under which committee, and promote teamwork among each executive team as they work together to complete the survey. The questions have been carefully crafted by national officers, entered by staff, and tested. If, however, your members encounter issues with question logic (e.g., cannot skip where not applicable), please inform staff immediately and we will address the logic and/or provide a suggested response.

Council Input There are three options for councils:

- Some councils will prefer to print a pdf copy, write in their responses, and mail or scan them to national office. The deadline for printed input is December 15, 2022. The pdf copy of the survey will be available on November 1st and may be obtained by visiting <https://cwl.ca/resources2/1000-series-annual-report-surveys/>.
- Some councils will prefer to print a pdf copy, write in their responses, and then enter them into the survey site digitally. This is the recommended approach as it gives time for team consultation and preparation of answers before entering them.
- Some councils will prefer direct entry into the survey site. For these councils, it is important that they save/print a pdf copy of their digital input before they submit their information. Access to the survey site can be found by clicking on the link: <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=166438024170> Every council submitting their input digitally will need their alphanumeric council code, which is found on their paid membership lists. The deadline for completion is December 15, 2022 for paper copies and midnight on January 15, 2023 for digital (on line 0 input. Provincial/Diocesan Access to Survey Site Provincial and diocesan presidents have access to the reporting for two purposes: 1. to encourage and monitor council participation during the survey completion period of November 1st – January 15th. The level closest to the parish council (in most cases the diocesan level) should monitor the results regularly to identify which parish council might need help completing and submitting their surveys. 2. to extract the reports of parish councils that operate within your diocesan/provincial council. Presidents, you alone have received the access information for the survey site for your executive team. Please share it with the members on your team that is designated to monitor parish council survey completion and complete the final report.

LONDON DIOCESAN REPORTS: Presidents, this is your second invitation to prepare your report on what ways your council has shown that they are, **CATHOLIC AND LIVING IT!**

Please **LIMIT** your report to two aspects. Your report needs to be only one-third of a page long – about 150 words. Think of it as a tweet! Not included in the length limit is information about your council.

Parish Council, Town or City

President

Spiritual Advisor

Number of Members

Number of Life Members

Font should be Calibri 12

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES: I hope you are continuing your member invitation drive. On our website www.cwllondon.ca Julie Sans, our administrative assistant has published a newsletter in October. Your submissions are most welcome for the next issue. I have submitted a talk which you may use or tweak to have an enthusiastic member share or you may print it for distribution. Also, Theresa and I are available to visit with your council.

BLESSINGS FOR A HOLY ADVENT AND A FAITH FILLED CHRISTMAS

Mary

