



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Past-President/Historians
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Past-President Pauline Krupa
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It was good to see so many of you at the diocesan convention. One of the questions placed in the question box was, "When should you hold elections?"

As you know, the fiscal year for the Catholic Women's League of Canada is January 1st to December 31st. We are mandated to hold elections keeping this in mind. The *Constitution & By-laws* states the following:
PART XIV: Meetings, Conventions and Quorums

Section 2: Parish Council

- (a) Normally the executive of the parish council shall meet prior to each regular meeting. A majority of the executive shall constitute a quorum for executive meetings.
- (b) Normally the parish council regular meeting shall be held monthly.
- (c) The parish council **annual meeting shall be held in January or February** for the purpose of receiving reports and **for the election of officers** when applicable.
- (d) The elected officers shall meet for the assignment of standing committees immediately after the annual meeting.

I trust this answers your question. If your council currently holds their election in a different month i.e. April, you must decide if your current executive will serve a shorter or longer period than 2 years in order to bring you in line with the *Constitution*.

With respect to eligibility for office, the following is taken from the *Constitution & By-laws*:
PART XVI: Eligibility, Nominations and Elections

Section 1: Eligibility for Office

- (a) Parish: At parish level, only members, in accordance with Part VII, Section 1(a), (b), (c), shall be eligible for nomination to office, subject to the provisions of Part XVI, Section 2.
- (b) Diocesan: At diocesan level, members eligible for nomination to office shall be: (i) present officers, except for the past president, who, at the time of election, have served a full term, subject to provisions of Part XVI, Section 2. (ii) parish council presidents who, at the time of election, have served a full term (iii)

If you have any additional questions regarding elections, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless,

Angela