



London Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



**To: All Parish Presidents and Organization Chairpersons**

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From: Theresa Ryan, President-Elect, London Diocesan Chairperson Organization

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**Directive # 1**

**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11**

Greeting Sister Organization Chairpersons,

My name is Theresa Ryan. My husband and I have been married for 41 years. We have one daughter and one beautiful granddaughter. Along with working full time we are also the caretakers of our church & cemetery in beautiful Kinkora. (near Stratford) I was a bit of a rebel at the first CWL meeting I ever attended when I raised my hand to ask why we couldn't try doing it a different way. (but we've always done it this way).

Over the next two years I would like to focus on educating you as to your very important role as organization chairperson. We are blessed with a wonderful resource at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) I urge you to go there and check the executive handbook for Organization Chairpersons. Here is a small excerpt of a short workshop "On Being Kinder to Each Other" [www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/610-Handbook-for-Organization-Chairpersons-2008.pdf](http://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/610-Handbook-for-Organization-Chairpersons-2008.pdf)

*Sometimes, to our surprise, what we say or do is hurtful to others. It is important that we become sensitive to the reactions of others to what we do and to what we say.*

What is the effect? The following can be said in many different ways – some hurtful, some humorous and some congratulatory. How the hearer understands the message depends on the circumstance, the speaker's tone of voice and word emphasis, and the physical stance of the speaker. In groups, try to speak them to convey different meanings.

- a. That was a wonderful speech.
- b. Did you ever consider going on a diet?
- c. Your report was way too long.
- d. Do you think you are dressed appropriately?
- e. Who told you to do that?
- f. Have you ever done that before?

This would make an excellent icebreaker at a meeting and also make us aware of the impact of our words and intonations. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me at [tryan@quadro.net](mailto:tryan@quadro.net) or 519-393-6967.

Thank you for all your good works and keep up God's work through the League. Blessings, Theresa

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