



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Presidents, Treasurers, Spiritual Development Chairpersons
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Directive #6

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9)

Some of the best advice passed to me by mother was the poem "Don't You Quit". I've tried to model all I do around that poem and scriptures that support it. You will find it on the 2nd page of this directive.

It seems there are many, many obstacles in our way. Especially, within our councils where it seems no one wants to be part of the executive. What will it take to invite the new person in? First of all, it takes the tried and true to step away, and then it takes open-mindedness to allow the new person to come in with new ideas, and new ways of doing things. I pray that we can keep on trudging, for you never know when the silver lining will begin to shine through!

What a wonderful Lenten retreat lead by our own Anne Shore! She continues to surprise, enlighten, and challenge us to new levels! Glad to see nearly 200 members in attendance! We have a lot to be thankful for!

April 29 – May 1, 2019 will be our 99th Annual Diocesan Convention. I hope to see you all there ready to debate the resolutions, worship together, and rock to the sound of Motown. And this is just on the opening day! Tuesday will bring a panel discussion on environmental issues and Sister Joan Atkinson will grace us with her wisdom on the Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si*, on Wednesday. First however, Wednesday will begin with the Crowning of Mary. Each council is asked to bring up to 20 – 24 pairs of socks and an 8 ½ x 11 placard with the total number of socks collected by your parish. We will then add all these numbers together to find the total number of socks donated throughout the diocese. Our goal is 11,000 -- that's not even 1 pair per member! Let's do it. The socks brought to the Crowning of Mary (20-24 pairs) will be donated to agencies within Windsor/Essex. The socks remaining at your council are to be donated to local shelters and agencies in your own area!

Looking forward to our time together at convention!

Blessings to all,

Rebecca McCarrell
President



Don't You Quit

-Anonymous

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,

**When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit-
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.**

Life is queer with its twists and turns,

**As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When (s)he might have won had (s)he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow -
You may succeed with another blow.**

Often the goal is nearer than

**It seems to a faint and faltering (wo)man;
Often the struggler has given up
When (s)he might have captured the victor's cup;
And (s)he learned too late when the night came down,
How close (s)he was to the golden crown.**

Success is failure turned inside out -

**The silver tint in the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It might be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.**