

London Diocesan Council Of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

"One Heart, One Voice, One Mission"

To: All Regional Chairpersons and All Parish Presidents

From: Marie-Theresa Lamphier, President, London Diocesan Council

Date: May 23rd, 2015

Directive # 6

Diocesan Convention 2015: By all indications, it was a great convention! The speakers and all presenters were just wonderful (Including your executive!). Thanks to all who participated and especially to the London Convention Committee who organized a well run event. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scene and the committee made it run seamless. Thanks to one and all for all your hard work! Thanks also to all those who attended...even for one day! If you haven't had the chance to be on any committee and the opportunity comes up, please try it. It is always an opportunity to know what goes on behind the scene, an opportunity to grow and appreciate the finer points of organizing such an event! 2016 will be here before you know it. Mark it on your calendar (April 18th-20th) for next year where Sarnia will be hosting

Important dates to remember: This will be my last directive before the fall, so keep in mind some importanta dates:

July 4th-8th Provincial Convention – Niagara Falls

July15th Merlin Shrine Day

August 16-19th National Convention – Vancouver, BC.

August 17th League Lingo Report (Subscription now \$8.00)

Fall Regional Days:

Septembe 26th Huron Perth/Ingersoll Regions at Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Grand Bend

October 17th London/Sarnia Regions at Holy Angels in St. Thomas November 14th Chatham/Essex/Winsor Regions at St. John de Brebeuf in

Kingsville

<u>Ornaments</u>: Our main fundraiser for the Provincial Convention to be held in Stratford in 2016, is our pewter ornaments. We have a dove, a wreath and a friendship angel which are engraved with the CWL crest and 2016 Provincial Convention on it. If every council sold 15 of these to their members/parishioners or gave them away as gifts, this would certainly help to achieve our goal. They will be available at our Fall Regional Days or contact your Regional Chairperson. Please find creative ways to sell these and support this endeavour.

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Resolution: As you probably have already heard or experienced, one resolution was passed at our Diocesan Convention. (Provision of Regulated Houses for Chronically, Severely Mentally Ill). It was quite a learning experience for those who prepared it, and/or presented it. It was even an eye opener for the resolution committee as so few come our way! Please pray for the success of this resolution as it goes forward to Provincial and also keep in mind all those who are working on resolutions in the course of the next year. This is one way of making a change in the world! Thanks to those who worked on the resolution and Rebecca McCarrell, Resolution Chairperson, for leading us in the process.

The Catholic Women's League Leadership Foundation: Many of you heard our National President speak, at our convention, about the Foundation that will be formally launched at the National Convention in Vancouver in August. The Sisters of Service have offered a gift of \$500,000 and National have already donated \$100,000. Interest earned on the fund would be used to bring Catholic women together to provide leadership training over a period of two years. These are women who have demonstrated an intense interest and desire to identify and share their gifts by becoming leaders within the CWL, the church and society. We need to raise \$400,000 in order to top it up to \$1 million dollars! A tax deductible contribution can be made on CanadaHelps.org. using your credit card. Stay tuned as more information will be coming after the formal launch. As Barbara Dowding says, this gift could change the face of the League and ultimately the Church!

New Members are still welcomed! They are important to your council and the League!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you in all you do!

Marie-Theresa

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