



To: All Parish Presidents, Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC President

From: Mary Bannon, President

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Directive #2

"Mary sustains our waiting for God, she helps us to give him space so that he can change our lives." —Pope Francis

## **ADVENT**

It seems incredible that we are approaching Advent, a time of waiting for the coming of Christ as our ancestors did, as we do now each day in our lives and the final coming in the future.

## **REGIONAL DAYS**

Thank you to our host regions, Sarnia-Lambton, Huron-Perth and Essex, and to our host parish councils, St. Benedict's, Our Lady of Mercy, Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph, Holy Name of Mary and Good Shepherd for their hospitality and good food. I also thank those of you who attended and hope you were fed spiritually, learned more about faith, service and social justice and enjoyed a renewal of friendships. I believe over 200 attended the three gatherings.

## UNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

We have visited many councils to listen to our members and hopefully have helped you to understand that the Diocesan executive wants to help you to be vibrant, life giving and able to serve your parishes and communities as you always have and to be open to new ways. I have really enjoyed these visits and please be aware that as an executive we are open to being with you and want to help with any issues for which you may require our assistance.

**CONVENTION:** Just a reminder the Diocesan Convention is April 22-24 in London.

## PRAYERS: HAIL MARY-A-THON

I still continue to pray 5 Hail Mary's each night for the 7 regions—Chatham-Kent on Sunday, Essex on Mon., Huron-Perth on Tues., Ingersoll on Wed., London on Thurs., Sarnia- Lambton on Fri., and Windsor on Sat. It is part of my commitment as your president. Have a happy Holy Christmas.

**NEW THEME starting in January:** Here I am, Lord; send me

**Blessings** 



Mary