



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

To: All Parish Presidents, Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC President
From: Mary Bannon, President of London Diocese
Date: September, 2023

Directive #1

Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish. Sam Walton

INTRODUCING MYSELF

I was born in Stratford, the oldest of 4 children born within a span of 4 years. My father died when I was 12, leaving my mother, a woman I admire for her courage and strength to find a job to support her family. I attended Teacher's College, and, while teaching, received my B.A. in English from Western University in London. I taught for 33 years in Huron-Perth and have been retired now for 22 years.

I have been a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Women's League for a little over 50 years, having served as president there on two separate occasions. On the London Diocesan Council I have served as Spiritual Development chair, Recording Secretary, Resolutions chair, Education and Health chair and Organization chair. I have co-chaired the diocesan convention twice and the OPC Convention in 2016.

I continue to serve as a team member of the RCIA for the Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes and am a Lector in my parish.

I look forward to serving as President of London Diocesan CWL.



EVENTS TO REMEMBER

REGIONAL DAYS: SEPTEMBER 30 OUR LADY OF MERCY, SARNIA
OCTOBER 21 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, STRATFORD
OCTOBER 28 GOOD SHEPHERD, LAKESHORE

All women, even non-members, are welcome to attend. Come learn about Faith, Service and Social Justice, come gather with friends, come celebrate our community, come and have fun!

PROJECT UNITY OUTREACH: a time for councils to give feedback about their CWL experiences. Presidents, please submit a date for a diocesan executive member to visit with your council.

GROWING IN FAITH Webinar. October 14th 2-3 p.m. REGISTER ONLINE FREE at cwl.ca.

BLESSINGS,

Mary