



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Presidents
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Directive #8

“Let your conversations be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone” Colossians 4:6

What great advice given to us from Paul! 2000 years ago this was written (approx.) and is still valuable advice for today!

At the National convention, we were introduced to the next stage in the Strategic Plan. I have invited Shari Guinta, National 1st Vice President to bring this message to us at our Fall Regional Meetings. I congratulate Nellie Kelders from Sarnia in being part of the dynamic team responsible for the Strategic Plan.

Also at our Fall Regional Meetings, our speaker will be Pennie Vandenbroek from Chatham. She will share her story of protest of abortions and how she has Come to the Well for strength and wisdom. We will participate in the action plan from our resolution on abortion by preparing letters to our government on the issue of the mental health of women post abortion.

Sales of our CWL shirts have gone well and we have been able to purchase 2 benches for Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Merlin. Shirts are still available for ordering if you would like one!

At our 2020 convention taking place in Chatham for our 100th Anniversary, we have some great speakers planned, and the convention committee is working hard to bring great entertainment to you as well. There are two major changes this year: 1) The Bishop's Mass and Banquet will be held on Tuesday evening followed by some entertainment! What a way to celebrate 100 years! 2) in lieu of 50/50 draws, a silent auction will be held...so bring your cheque book. You will find items big and small donated to raise money to offset the cost of the convention.

Dueling Piano's is the fundraiser put on by the Chatham Kent region for their fundraiser for convention costs. Please plan to attend Oct 19th. Contact your regional chairpersons for tickets as soon as possible.

As we voted this year at our convention, please ensure your council dues collect a minimum of \$21 per person for the 2020 year. The breakdown for this money is \$13 for National; \$3 for Provincial; and \$5 for London Diocese. Please make sure your membership fees are being collected this fall and that you send them to National BEFORE Dec 31, 2019.

Angela Pellerin is working on the 2020 election process. She will be presenting a short workshop at

the Fall Regionals as well to assist you in the process. PLEASE, encourage your past presidents from the past 6 years to allow their name to stand for a position. This is important to keep our diocese from becoming stagnant! AND, encourage your members to vote for ladies who have the SKILLS necessary to carry on the jobs.

Our theme continues with EDUCATE, ENGAGE, and EMPOWER for the environment and other areas. Our Provincial theme will center around LONELINESS. The National theme encompasses Care for our Common Home! Our standing committee chairpersons will be offering suggestions on how to make these themes live in your council, parish, community and life.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Regionals!

Blessings to all,

Rebecca McCarrell
President



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