



London Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents,

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Rebecca McCarrell, President

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Directive # 1

"O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Isaiah 43:1 KJV

It was such a pleasure to meet many of you at the convention. I thank you for your support in the past and hope I can count on you for the coming years.

A little about me...I've been married to Buz for 44 years. We have 2 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 dogs. Those of you who were at the convention found out a few things including my past passion of cars...powder puff derbys and the races. My older granddaughters and I enjoy our nights at South Buxton raceway. The younger girls enjoy the outdoors and help me with my gardens. I am a member at St. Francis Xavier Parish Council, Tilbury...my hometown.

Educate, Engage, Empower

My theme is continuing. Empowering our membership will lead to strong leaders, interest from all generations, and a revival to the League. Through all of this we evangelize and bring all people closer to our Lord and Saviour. Educate your members, engage them to make a decision and empower them to take action. Empowering others allows you to plan for the future...training leaders to step up in the future. This is the method I use, and have used, throughout my entire career.

The Ontario Provincial Convention is in Toronto this year. It is a great experience to attend this next level. Please consider going as it is so close. Share rooms, and stories with others. You will not be disappointed (If you go, make sure your council appoints you an accredited delegate!) Fun starts July 7, Convention July 9-11, 2018! Full information at cwl.on.ca.

Fr. Greg Bonin, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, gave us some thought provoking words of wisdom during the convention. I encourage you to use David Haas' song as a spiritual interlude and reflection time at a meeting. For it is only in silence that we can hear what we are called to do...

For You Are Mine: "I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear, You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice, Be still, and know I am near. - I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see, In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in Me.(Chorus) Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name, Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine..."

I look forward to our next 2 years together...please contact me, I'd love to visit.

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Blessings....

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