The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

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Hello to all!   Hoping your summer was full of family and fun! And now the work begins!

At the National convention held in Kelowna, BC this past August, the instructed vote on membership fee increases was held. The majority of the provinces/territories voted in favour of this increase of $12 per member.   The attached document explains why this raise was necessary and important to keep our League alive!

The changes to the membership fees is effective for the 2023 year. This means that you should be introducing at your core meetings a motion to increase your council's dues.   In the attached document, there are suggestions on having fundraisers to cover some of the costs. However, when you look at it, the $12 increase is dollar a month. If your dues are raised to $36 that will be $3 per month.   If you raise your dues to $40 per year, that increase is $3.34 per month.   It is up to a vote at your council of your individual increase.

This is the break down of the membership dues:

         National $25 plus insurance

         Provincial $ 3

         Diocesan $ 5

Total to be sent to National per member: $33 plus insurance.

If your council wishes, a few dollars can go to your general account to assist in workshops, conventions, assisting those members who are unable to afford the raise, or perhaps paying for those in long term care facilities.. At $36 / year, approximately $1,75 would go in your coffers; at $40 per year, $5.75 would go in your coffers. This also gives you a buffer in case more increases come along!

Our provincial theme is "Go Make A Difference!" You can do this with a positive outlook, and an enthusiasm for the League!

Blessings to all, and May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in your deliberations!