

# INTRODUCING



**Ellen Peterkin**  
Quebec Provincial  
President

Ellen's eyes were opened to the League when she was a young girl. Her grandmother and her mother were both members.

When Ellen was in her twenties, she became somewhat more interested in the League because her mother would go to provincial conventions and return very enthused. Ellen knew that she was getting the "itch" to join.

Then one night after a parish council meeting her mom said "you should join." Ellen said those meetings were **not** for her. Her mom said "Look, I know you are busy but you could attend when we have speakers or functions and that would be okay." Her mom said "I'll enroll you and you'll see."

Ellen was soon the organization chairperson. She was told that she could take that committee without the title of president-elect, so she accepted. You probably know what followed; two years later Ellen was parish council president! Twenty-five years later, Ellen is now provincial council president and it has been an incredible journey!

Ellen has served on many standing committees at all levels and is an active member in her parish council. She has been blessed to have known women from her parish council who have also served as provincial council presidents, one being her sister. Ellen has many other mentors, many of whom she met through the League, and she feels very fortunate that they have shared their knowledge.

Ellen is the youngest of four children (all girls). Her family moved to Deux Montagnes from Montreal when she was two. Ellen and her husband have two great children, Jessica and Kevin. Jessica attends cegep and Kevin attends high school.

Ellen works full time in her family business, is involved with Meals on Wheels, and serves as chairperson on her son's school governing board. She has previously served as a warden for her church and has been fundraising for her parish for the past five years. She attends faith formation classes on an annual basis.

Ellen is enjoying being the Quebec provincial president, relaying that it is a humbling experience. It has opened her eyes even wider to the astounding women of the League. She looks forward to meeting the members of Quebec and Canada and facing the challenges ahead. †

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**Yvonne Colleaux**  
Saskatchewan Provincial President



Yvonne Colleaux has been a member for 25 years and has been on executives (parish, diocesan and provincial) since she became a member. She has served as president at the parish and diocesan levels after having served as

the standing committee chairperson of organization, spiritual development, community life, resolutions and legislation.

She was facilitator for various workshops including Field Workers, Spirituality – A Day of Discovery, and Project GROW. She has served as treasurer on the board of directors of the CWL Clothing Depot, the Global Gathering Place and on the executive of the Lay Formation Alumni Association. She is currently treasurer for her parish council.

For a number of years, Yvonne volunteered for weekly delivery of Meals on Wheels. She also worked as a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House.

Yvonne was on ad hoc committees for four resolutions, one on workers' compensation adopted at the provincial level for action by the provincial government and three national resolutions – over-medication of seniors, bullying in schools and water use in Canada.

For 40 years, Yvonne was involved in the music ministry at the parish level. She is currently a lector and Eucharistic minister in her parish, has begun a three-year term on the parish pastoral council and has a monthly communion service at an assisted living complex. She is also a graduate of the lay formation program, served on the social justice committee of her parish and worked with two refugee families. †