



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: April 18, 2017

FROM: Janet McLean, National secretary-treasurer

TO: Parish council treasurers

CC: Parish council presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (on request)

I would like to thank all parish council treasurers who completed the online annual survey form last December. Your answers and numerous comments have provided me with much information and insight on your important work as treasurer of a parish council. I hope to be able to use this information to help treasurers at all levels in the future. Keep up the great work that you are doing.

As your council's treasurer, you keep track of the funds available to assist the less fortunate and needy in your communities, in the country and in the world. You also have a chance to contribute in the decision-making with respect to the allocation of your council's funds. Because your council can make monetary donations to many worthwhile causes, I would like to ask you to remember the funds and causes that are common to all members across Canada. At the moment, these causes are our five national voluntary funds, the national bursary fund and the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation.

The national voluntary funds consist of four permanent voluntary funds: Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Coady International Institute, Catholic Missions In Canada, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. For all voluntary funds, members receive regular reports on how their funds are being used to benefit those in need. Any donation which your council wishes to make to these funds can be made with a cheque payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada and sent to national office with a completed copy of the form which is attached to this memo. At the annual national convention, the funds are disbursed to the respective organizations.

The National Bursary Fund was established in 1988 with two generous donations given to the League. Each year qualified members are invited to apply for a bursary from the fund. The amount available for distribution is based on the interest earned on the fund during the year. Councils can contribute to the principal in the fund so that additional interest will be generated and available for distribution. If your council wishes to contribute to the National Bursary Fund, simply send a cheque to national office, payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada, with a note that the money be added to the National Bursary Fund

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The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation was established in 2014 with generous donations from the Sisters of Service and The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Currently the Foundation is conducting a major fundraising campaign to raise sufficient funds so it can begin its mission of educating Catholic women who will become influential leaders in society. During this fundraising stage, the Foundation would welcome donations from your parish council to help it reach its goal. You may send your council's donation payable to Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation, 12241—132 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 1P7.

I know that as treasurers you want to make sure that you take good care of the council funds that are entrusted to you. There are many worthwhile causes to which your council can contribute. I hope this memo has helped to explain a bit about the causes which all CWL members have in common. If you have any questions for me, I would be pleased to hear from you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet McLean".

Janet McLean
National secretary-treasurer

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NATIONAL VOLUNTARY FUND REMITTANCE FORM

Parish Council _____

Diocese/Province _____

Council Treasurer _____

(please print)

Phone number (daytime) _____ **Date** _____

NATIONAL VOLUNTARY FUND	AMOUNT
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace	
Catholic Missions In Canada	
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	
Coady International Institute Fund	
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (until August 18, 2020)	
TOTAL	

Please send with cheque payable to: The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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