



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

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**FROM:** Anne Gorman, national president-elect and chairperson of organization

**TO:** Parish council chairpersons of organization

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

It will soon be spring and the anticipation of nicer weather is upon us. We give thanks for the gift of creation. At this memo's writing, Catholic Christians are journeying through Lent, anticipating the risen Christ at Easter. Please take heart in all that you do in getting to know Jesus more, and in your service "For God and Canada."

Parish councils have been very industrious as per council mandates. Membership is complete or ongoing. Continue to share your stories of success in feeding League sisters across Canada and attracting new members. Affirm members through the many outward means already in place in the League – maple leaf service pin, Bellelle Guerin award, years of service pin, and certificate of merit, along with original council means.

National office staff is working under very difficult conditions this year, due to unforeseen complications with the service provider, to process memberships and see that diocesan and provincial councils receive their per capita fees. If you have not already done so, please mail in your 2018 membership. Staff is processing on a first-received, first-processed basis. Your patience is most appreciated. Please keep them in your prayers.

New life members were affirmed by the national executive (board). These women of faith and service will be welcomed at the 98<sup>th</sup> annual national convention and will be of great benefit to their respective parish councils. Please make use of them for mentoring, presentations and the collective wisdom they represent.

The process of planning strategically continues. "Inspired by the Spirit: Women [are] respond[ing] to God's call", as we move to the next step. A steering committee or board member will attend each diocesan convention in the spring, to present an update and seek feedback before finalizing a draft for presentation to the board at the national pre-convention meeting in August 2018.

A one-hour session will give members one more opportunity to respond to the draft. If adopted at the pre-convention meeting, the plan will be rolled out at the 98<sup>th</sup> annual national convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The steering committee's work would then be complete, and an implementation committee will be charged with the "how to" of making the plan work for every member and in the best interest of the future of the League. Exciting and blessed times are ahead!

Please continue to pray individually and collectively for the League. The more than 80,000 women who have chosen to belong are not just important to their individual parishes, they are an organization that is vital to the church, to Canada and the world. Why wouldn't all Catholic women want to belong to such a life-giving group?

God bless all of your inspired work whose daily gift is yourselves.

Anne Gorman  
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