



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

**DATE:** March 26, 2018

**FROM:** Barbara Dowding, national past president and chairperson of laws

**TO:** Parish past presidents

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

Dear Sisters in the League,

It is such a pleasure for me to write to you who are the strength, and so very often the glue, that holds things together for the good of councils. While every parish council is different, complete with complex personal dynamics, past presidents have much to offer by virtue of service. From the reports I have seen, and through personal experience, I know how much you strive to serve the League in many important ways. Whether your talents are used or not, you have influence!

For those who have worked hard on the elections process, a big thank you. Clearly this is one area past presidents can offer advice, wisdom and affirmation. You know your members and can coax those who need coaxing and guide those looking for guidance. One of the most important roles past presidents have in the League is to nurture future leaders through prayer and good example.

Looking to the future and the process to plan strategically, you can be sure the League is in good hands. Members look ahead with optimism and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide, inspire and walk with them into what might seem like uncharted waters. All will be well and I believe the League will be better than ever! I urge you to keep the faith, celebrate each other and all that is good, and remain open to the process that will help members be what is needed at this time.

As this is my last message to you, I would like to offer you my heartfelt gratitude for your perseverance and dedication to your council and to the League.

“Let your heart take courage...hope in the Lord!”

Barbara Dowding  
National Past President and Chairperson of Laws