



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Shari Guinta, president-elect and chairperson of organization
TO: Parish chairpersons of organization
THROUGH: Parish presidents and secretaries
CC: Diocesan and provincial presidents and secretaries and life members (on request)

Happy spring! Although snow is still on the ground as I write this, I expect warm weather will be well on its way by the time it reaches you.

It has been so rewarding to hear of the many initiatives parish councils have taken to retain and increase membership. Reaching out to women in the parish is proven to be successful. The League has so much to offer all women, no matter their ability or time commitment.

I hope councils frequently look at the national website to see the many resources it offers.

- The revised *Constitution & Bylaws* (#604) is available to download and print.
- *Prayer Service Planning Workshop* (#628)
- *The Joy of Leadership Through Engagement in Ministry— A Practical Guide for Parish Councils* (#630) is an excellent, informative tool to ask your diocesan/provincial officers to present or review with members. It gives an in-depth view and description of ministry within the new organizational structure.
- *Handbook for Chairpersons of Faith, Service and Social Justice* (#614) delves into the new organizational structure. It would be helpful to those councils that are moving or have moved to the new structure.
- I encourage you to take advantage of the short videos that can be used at a meeting or membership information session or shown on the parish monitors.
- Have you looked at or used the *Executive Orientation*? Has your diocesan or provincial team offered to present this?

League development is very important, not only to new members but to all of us. We need to see and hear the wonderful things the League offers. We need reminding of structure, especially now with the new format. You don't have to create new workshops—they are there for you to use.

Some live streaming will be available for the national annual meeting of members that will be held August 14-15 in New Brunswick. I encourage you and your sister members to tune in!

“The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps.”
(Pope Francis)