



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Shari Guinta, national president-elect and chairperson of organization
TO: Parish chairpersons of organization
CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (upon request)

Convention season is upon us, and attending a diocesan, provincial or even national convention is an experience of education, spiritual enlightenment and community sisterhood. I encourage members to attend a convention if possible. When I became a member, I remember receiving an invitation from my parish council to attend a diocesan convention—I became hooked! My first diocesan convention back in the 1980s was where I started to learn about the League, the church and my faith. I urge you to attend if possible. Encourage your parish executive and members to go as well to experience and learn.

I hope you had a successful membership drive this year. Reaching out to existing members and women of the parish who have not yet become members is vital for the League's health and longevity. Thus, I ask you not to let a year go by without inviting someone to join.

Many good resources are coming from the implementation committee through the working groups. As they become available, they are placed on the website for use and distribution. I invite you to check the national website often for updates. There are plenty of resources for membership drives, general information and workshop material. Your council might appoint a member to check the national, provincial and diocesan websites for material, news and updates to report to the membership.

Did you know development funds from the national treasury are available to cover some workshop costs that focus on the new resources? The application (#512) is on the national website under To Organize, 500 Series: Forms.

If members feel like they are running out of energy and interest is waning, reach out to your diocesan president and chairperson of organization to ask for help. They will come to your council for a visit to offer help and guidance. The League is too important to just "let go!"

"The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps."
(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)