



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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

Greetings to what I hope is a beautiful spring.

I do hope that if you have not already been able to meet in person, you will soon be able to see restrictions lifted so that you may do so. If you have been able to meet in person, you have been able to carry out the business and spiritual programs this year. Congratulations, regardless of how you have managed! The *Handbook for Past Presidents* (#611, 600 Series: Manuals) continues guide past presidents at all levels.

As the parish council year comes to a summer break, I ask that you consider only one thing. With the blessing of National President and Chairperson of International Relations Fran Lucas, I have taken on promoting parish council policy manuals, as this was indicated as a need on the annual report survey. Also, those who wish to develop one have stated the need for help. I am happy to say there is help for you via the diocesan and/or provincial past presidents. Thanks to sharing by Vancouver Diocesan Council, there is a PowerPoint that supports the workshop by Honorary Life Member Lucille Cullen (1990-1992), *How to Prepare a Parish Council Manual of Policy and Procedure* (#812, 800 Series: Workshops). As parish past president, the PowerPoint is available to you through your diocesan/provincial past president. If you already have a manual, this PowerPoint may be of help still for updating if you desire. Having a parish manual saves much time as the information is there that may not need discussion at a parish meeting—time that could be spent on programming and the spiritual growth of members.

May God continue to bless your council and may Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to intercede for your needs.