



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Fran Lucas, national president and chairperson of international relations
TO: Parish presidents
CC: Diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (upon request)

“Do something. Get moving. Be confident. Risk new things. Stick with it. Get on your knees. Then be ready for big surprises” (St. Angela Merici).

Whether you are a new president beginning her role or a long-time president, you have a significant role during this time of the global COVID-19 pandemic. With many pandemic restrictions lifted and many councils soon to resume in-person meetings, members do so with great delight and optimism for a strong return to League work. Members are anxious to be together and to do God's work. At your next meeting, please cover the contents of this parish mailing as members will want to hear the most recent happenings under each standing committee. The quote above is meant to encourage you to look for new ways, new ideas and new possibilities for your council.

All presidents quickly learn that the *Constitution & Bylaws* and *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* are their best friends! Needing more? The many resources on the national website are at your fingertips. For example, look at the new League Misconceptions Workshop—you will be pleasantly surprised what it includes. Or scan past communiques or annual reports, which reveal a wealth of ideas.

If you require help accessing this information, another member will be happy to help you when asked. The diocesan or provincial presidents, life members and honorary life members are there for you as well.

As members know, the parish councils are the grassroots of the League. The national communication protocol requires the parish level to reach out to the diocesan level with inquiries, and that level, in turn, reaches out to the provincial level. If you are struggling to obtain an answer, send your inquiry to info@cwlc.ca and the office will determine where the communication may have been held up.

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Thank you for being a leader during these years of implementing the strategic plan. One way you can make a difference is by staying informed. Visit the national website to see and use the new resources made available regularly and encourage your executive to do the same.

Members in Kamloops and Nelson dioceses are ready to welcome you to the 102nd annual national convention in Kelowna, British Columbia, August 14-17, 2022. I hope you will be able to be there.

By now, your council has likely supported, or soon will, one of the various efforts suggested to help the people of Ukraine during this devastating time. It is also likely that you and your members will have participated in the Synod 2021-2023 *For a Synodal Church*, gifted to Catholics by Pope Francis. Thank you for being ***Catholic and Living It!***

“For God and Canada.”