



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: April 11, 2022
FROM: Marie Rackley, national secretary-treasurer
TO: Parish secretaries
CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (upon request)

My dear sisters in the League,

I pray councils are getting ready to resume regular meetings soon. Who would have thought we would still be experiencing a pandemic in 2022? Though it has been a slow return, things are getting better, and some councils have begun to meet with members. How excited they must be to get back to a sisterhood of prayer, friendship and service.

Most recently, you completed and submitted the parish annual reports. I received the summary of all councils that submitted reports from National President-Elect and Chairperson of Organization Shari Guinta and want to congratulate you on a job well done.

I enjoyed compiling the provincial secretaries annual report as it reflects the work done within the councils. However, I must convey my concern that as record keepers of council history, we cannot forget 2020 and 2021. I realize many councils were unable to meet, but it is important to complete a report on what councils experienced during this time and keep it in the minute books or binders.

These records are the story of your parish council and will be part of its history years to come. Many councils continued to do community service and contact their membership through telephone calls, cards and e-mails. Councils continued to make donations to the national voluntary funds and local charities. Let us not forget about the great work that has been done and record it.

Consider making a special report for 2020 and 2021 for when your council finally has its first meeting. Read the report and inspire your members—show them they are a vital part of the parish, diocesan, provincial and national League.

The March 28th deadline for returning the instructed vote has passed, and the results will be announced at the 102nd national annual convention in Kelowna, British Columbia, in August.

I pray that 2022 will be a year that we can resume sharing the good things members do to serve God's people, for we are *Catholic and Living It!* May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you and watch over you and your families.