



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

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

My dear sisters in the League,

I pray this memo finds you and your council well as you continue to live with the pandemic. It has been two long years, but the light is starting to shine as councils begin to meet and members who can, attend meetings. It is important to start slow and gradually add activities.

I had the great pleasure of reading the compiled parish council treasurer's annual summary sent to me by National President-Elect and Chairperson of Organization Shari Guinta. It contains a wealth of knowledge about the work done by the parish council treasurers.

I enjoyed doing the national treasurer's annual report. I know councils accomplished much work.

The deadline for the instructed vote was March 28<sup>th</sup>. The results will be announced at the 102<sup>nd</sup> annual national convention in Kelowna, British Columbia, in August—stay tuned.

Fundraising has been difficult for the past couple of years, but I would like to share one council's idea. The members agreed to hold a bake sale from their vehicles. They advertised in their church through the bulletin, put up posters in the community and spread the news via word of mouth that a drive-by bake sale in the church parking lot would take place after each Saturday and Sunday mass. Six vehicles decorated with tablecloths and flowers displayed the delicious baking for sale as people left the church.

It was a wonderful experience for these members. Though held in December, God blessed them with a sunny day. The profit for the council was \$1,887. The members followed the pandemic guidelines, including wearing a mask and physically distancing. Perhaps your council may want to give it a try? Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

I pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel will continue to bless you, your council and your family. May the strength that you receive through your faith continue as you remain *Catholic and Living It!* I pray this Easter season brings peace, happiness and joy as members continue to share with others the good things that our Savior, Jesus Christ, gave to those He loved.