



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Edmonton Diocesan Council

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TO: All Parish Council Presidents
All Diocesan Officers
Life Members

FROM: Mary Molloy, Past President

SUBJECT: Past-President's Communique November 1, 2022

" Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
Thessalonians 5:11

Greetings Past Presidents! The position of Past President offers many opportunities to get to know the new executive and elected officers in a consulting capacity. There are three primary duties outlined in the Constitution & Bylaws and Handbook for Past Presidents:

1. Serve her council and President in a consultative capacity.
2. Be responsible for the archives and history of her council.
3. Facilitate and encourage the study and implementation of the Constitution & Bylaws.

Consultative

It may be difficult for some of us to move on and become the "voice of experience" after the busy years of being a Council President. Past Presidents must be prepared to listen carefully and only provide advice when asked or needed. We must be ready to embrace change and encourage confidence in the new executive. Let the new President bring her leadership and style to shape the council during her term in office. Use your experience constructively when offering advice. Always be guided by the Holy Spirit in all you do!

Archives

During my term as President, I realized that archives aren't dusty, old books that aren't important. To quote the *Handbook for Past Presidents*, "archives are important historical material from which information, inspiration, and enthusiasm for the League may be derived. They also serve as permanent, lasting records of the achievements of the organization." I can't begin to relate how many times I investigated the history of our CWL when planning remarks, visiting councils, and understanding where we had been and how we have impacted our diocese. I discuss how to archive in another communique, especially addressing archives.

Constitution & Bylaws

As a past President, it is vital to understand the rules and laws governing our organization. If we still need to be fully conversant on the rules guiding us in League protocol and policy, this is the time to study and become conversant.

We need to keep the Constitution and Bylaws close at hand for reference. With the recent amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws 2013, it will be essential to work within your councils to understand the amendments and incorporate them into your own council and policy procedures. More information will be available at the midwinter regional workshops and through other communiques.

Sacred Heart Parish of the First Peoples Stain Glass Window Project

One of my assigned projects has been to continue to support Sacred Heart Parish of the First Peoples and our Stained-Glass Window Project in the newly renovated church. Our financial commitment was \$25,000 & we have raised about 80% of those monies. We ask councils to support the Stained-Glass Window Project by making a monetary donation directly to:

Sacred Heart Parish of the First Peoples
10821 – 96th Street
Edmonton, AB T5H 2J8
Attention: CWL Window Project

On November 13, 2022, Diocesan Council is hosting *We Remember: A Celebrate of Service* to commemorate the first CWL meeting held in 1912 at St Joachim Catholic Church, Edmonton. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Mass in the church, followed by a breakfast at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre. All proceeds will go to the Stained-Glass Window Project.

More information is available at www.edmontoncwl.org. We encourage all members to attend this historic event to celebrate our sisterhood.

I look forward to journeying with you and pray that we will learn what God has planned for us for the next two years with God's help and the intercession of Our Lady.

Mary Molloy
Past President