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To: Council President-Elects/Organization Standing Committee Chairs and Zone Chairs

Dear Sisters in the League,

Warm greetings and blessings to all my Sisters in the League!

By now you have all gotten back into the swing of things and you are gearing up for 2016! I encourage you to refer to the **Leading the League Manual** which provides some excellent advice and inspiration to better prepare you to make this a good year in your councils.

CWL membership fees are due on January 1, 2016 and so it is important that information and fees are collected and submitted as early as possible. Councils are encouraged to begin their membership drives in the fall and I do hope you have been doing so.

We are often told by members that they joined because they were personally invited. My **challenge** to each member is to personally ask one Catholic woman in their parish to become a member of the CWL. Perhaps offer them a gift membership for Christmas. CWL is a gift to each of us and our sisterhood has the potential to grow exponentially!

This is also a good time to follow up with Long Serving members who have not renewed their membership to ensure they are not forgotten. Maybe there is a family member or friend that can make sure that her membership is renewed and determine if there is some way the council can be of assistance to them.

Catch the Fire Presentations continue to provide us with a wonderful reminder of the precious gift that the League represents in our lives. Please book a presentation for your council and remember that with advance approval, funding is available from National. Contact Mary Molloy at mfmolloy@shaw.ca to book your presentation.

You may want to book one of the 11 **S'mores workshops** which include *Evangelii Gaudium* (the joy of the Gospel), Discerning a Call to Service, Objects of the League – A Spiritual perspective, Mentoring, Effective Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, How to develop a Parish Council Policy & Procedure Manual, Resolutions, Ethical Guidelines, Hospitality Protocol & Dealing with Conflict to Reach a Win-Win Solution. All of these workshops represent opportunities for learning, development and growth!

Annual Report Forms are now available online at the Edmonton Diocesan website at edmontoncwl.org. I encourage each council to meet in December as a team and fill out the forms together! What a fun night it could be reviewing all the good works your council has done over the past year!

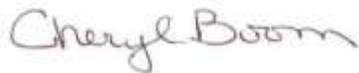
The Diocesan Mid-Winter Meeting will be held at St. Albert Parish in St. Albert on Saturday, January 30th commencing at 9:00 a.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet with members from throughout our Diocese to share ideas and to be inspired. I look forward to meeting with the Zone Chairs and Co-Chairs at lunch time.

National Supplies are brought to Fall and Mid Winter meetings, however, I have an excellent supply of **pins** that I would be happy to provide to councils throughout the year. Please contact me before ordering through National for any CWL pin you may need.

I am continuing to improve upon the **Parish Buddies initiative** and am pleased that the Zone Chairs and Co-Chairs have agreed to help with the sharing of information. Parish Presidents can expect to receive a phone call in early January from their '**Buddy**' with more useful information and direction. I am thrilled to have received many positive comments about the personal connections made to date.

In closing, I encourage each chairperson to plan her next year's events, carefully accessing the wonderful resources available and being joyful in the work you do for the League and Canada.

Together in Joyful Service for God and Canada,



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