

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Kingston Diocesan Council**

Organization Chairperson Directive – September 27, 2014

To: Diocesan Parish Council Organization Chairpersons
From: Nancy Richer, Diocesan Organization Chairperson/1st Vice President
cc: Kingston Diocesan Executive, Past Presidents and Life Members

*"If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others
and seek their good!" Pope Francis*

Annual Report Forms

Annual reports are your way to tell your story. Share the good news of your councils with all of us. What you do might be the spark of something new for a council near or far. You will find a copy of the annual report forms in your file folders as well by email. They need to be returned to me by **December 1, 2014**, as this will allow me time to process all the information to be given to the Provincial Levels above. **You may send your report electronically to cn-flyfishers@storm.ca, or by mail: 11155 Grisdale Blvd., Iroquois, Ontario, K0E 1K0.** The forms will also be available on the Kingston Diocese website. I require both the Parish Standing Committee Report and Parish President's Report. Please remember to include two council highlights from your year for our Annual Report Book.

Catch the Fire! / S'Mores

Councils are encouraged to host a *Catch the Fire!* presentation if they have not already completed one or if members are asking for it again! The *S'Mores* workshop launched in July at the provincial convention can be used in a variety of ways. The binder is formatted as a one day workshop or can be used as individual workshops at league / parish development. This includes the following modules: Conflict Resolution; Discernment; Effective Meetings; How to develop a Manual of Policy and Procedures; Mentoring; Parliamentary Procedure; and Protocol.

Annual meetings for parish councils

An annual meeting is now necessary for all parish councils. Please review the *Constitution and By Laws 2013* and *National Manual of Policy and Procedure 2014* to understand what must happen. An important part of this meeting must be the presentation of a financial statement which has been reviewed. Changes in these two national documents might affect your own policy and procedure manual(s) so start that review process soon.

Important Documents

In the past while the national office has updated three key documents. Each can be purchased in hard copy or downloaded from the website. (call toll free to order 1 888 831 9507 or visit the website at www.cwl.ca)

Be sure you have the most up to date:

- Constitution and Bylaws
- National Manual of Policy and Procedure
- Executive Handbook

Diocesan Convention – May 2014 Evaluation Summary

There were 105 respondents and their comments were generally very positive.

Major Strength: Spirituality, speakers, friendliness, fellowship, sharing ideas with members of other councils, well organized executive and good balance of business, spiritual and social.

Provincial Convention, Cobourg: July 6, 2014 – July 9, 2014

It was an informative, inspiring, uplifting and beautiful time in Cobourg. Learning about the two resolutions; Mandatory Labeling of Genetically Modified Food Products and Empowering First Nations Youth, was very informative. Both of these resolutions were passed at the convention for presentation at the National Convention in August. Speaker, Ellis Katsof on shattering the stigma attached to mental illness. Take the pledge at www.MendtheMind.ca. Interactive workshop “On the Road with Jesus” which gave us time to discuss with each other our difficulties in our ministries. Another speaker, Father Freitas was very inspiring. “....Transform one heart at a time, on our road with Jesus...” Entertainment both nights was wonderful and lots of fun was had by all.

May our Lady of Good Counsel Bless you!

Your sister in the League

Nancy Richer