



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

Past President/Historian

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

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To: Parish Council Past Presidents/Historians

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CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Past President

"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit..."

(John 15:16)

Greetings Past Presidents/Historians,

A warm welcome is extended to those of you who are **new past presidents**, due to recent parish council elections. Past President Directives #1, #2 and #3 can be accessed from the Kingston Diocesan website at www.kingston.cwl.on.ca. Please refer to them for important information pertinent to your position. You should also have on hand the following resources available at the national website www.cwl.ca:

Constitution and Bylaws 2013

National Manual of Policy and Procedure 2016

National Executive Handbook

Handbook for Past Presidents

The past president, in her role as mentor and consultant, is best advised to resist the temptation to **speak**, but instead to **listen** and **be available to respond to any request for suggestions or advice**. Be welcoming, encouraging, affirming and joyful. Take comfort in knowing that the past president is a valuable asset to her council. As stated by National President, Margaret Ann Jacobs, in her role as past Ontario provincial president, "How wonderful to have someone who will nurture and share her insight and experience, encourage growth and renewal and respond to the needs of others – a mentor!". **Mentoring: A Workshop** may be downloaded from the national website to assist you.

Diocesan Council Elections

This is an election year at the diocesan level and as past president, you are eligible to stand for election to the 2017-2019 term. Please prayerfully discern your response to the invitation. We hope and pray that you will be **inspired by the Spirit** to answer the call to share your gifts of time and talent with the Kingston Diocesan Council.

Respectfully submitted.