



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

**Past President/Historian**

***Care for our Common Home***

### **Directive #2**

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**To:** Parish Council Past President/Historian

**From:** Maureen Vincentine, Diocesan Past President/Historian

**CC:** Diocesan Executive, Provincial Past President/Historian

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Greetings Past Presidents,

Many of us have had time to settle into our new role as mentor and keeper of the stories. Some of you, after a recent election, have just joined the group of past presidents. Welcome to each of you. Yes, in our new role, the pace is not quite as hectic, but now we are invited to play a different but still important role on our councils, that of mentor. If we reflect on the ladies who provided mentorship for us, we can ask ourselves: how did they lead us? They probably led with encouragement, with praise for a meeting well conducted, with suggestions when asked for and with advice when sought. Yes, it is our time now to be that mentor, and what an important role it is! We must offer a quiet support, letting the new president know that we will gladly share our experience in the League when asked to do so, and letting her know that new ideas are worth trying and are part of the change we need in the League. Other members of your council might be new to their role, in fact, some ladies might be new to your parish council executive. They might also need your gentle mentorship and encouragement!

Another of our titles is Historian! We are the keepers of our stories as councils. I know every council has their own way of organizing and storing their history. I hope this winter/spring you will find time to update your council history. I am presently working on my required two-page summary of what I did as Diocesan President 2017 – 2019. I will use my reports and directives to remind me of what has been accomplished, what themes and projects we have supported as a diocesan council. I strongly suggest this would be an excellent opportunity for you as past parish council president to do the same. Go through your notes and make a summary of functions and projects, speakers and celebrations that took place in your council during your term as president. This can then be filed and it will become an excellent way to continue our history. I hope you will consider this.

Respectfully submitted.