



Kingston Diocesan Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Past President/Historian

We Have Seen the Lord – As People of Faith

Directive #2

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To: Parish Council Past Presidents

From: Kathy Huffman, Past Diocesan President

CC: Provincial Past President

"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time."

St. Francis de Sales

Greetings Past Presidents/Historians,

A special greeting is extended to the **new** past presidents.

I wish to highlight the areas that we need to focus on as past presidents.

First, we serve in a consultative capacity. We are able to provide suggestions, advice and give direction when consulted.

Second, we are responsible for archives and history. The passing on of history gives members a sense of pride and importance in belonging to the League. **Archives Guidelines for League History** may be downloaded from the national website for your use.

Third, we facilitate the study and implementation of the **Constitution & Bylaws 2013**. The Constitution & Bylaws is a guide to be used with discretion, common sense and respect for individual members, their rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Fourth, we chair the elections committee in an election year. It is important that you have three members on your committee, and that these members are not running for election. Please read my last directive dated October 26th, 2013.

Fifth, we must be mentors. Mentoring is an important function and is one way to keep our councils thriving. A mentor, quietly gives her time and experience to younger and less experienced members the benefit of her wisdom and knowledge. **Mentoring: A Workshop** may be downloaded from the national website to assist you.

Gifts from National Office:

Constitution & Bylaws 2013

National Manual of Policy and Procedure 2014

These gifts may be downloaded from the national website.

As past presidents encourage your League sisters to attend the annual diocesan convention on May 3rd and 4th at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre. It is a time to renew and revitalize our spiritual life and commitment to the League.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us on our League journey.

Respectfully submitted