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Organization

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To: Parish Council Organization Chairs

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Annual Report Forms

Thank you to all who submitted reports on line and thank you for your assistance with other members of your executive. The process was not free of glitches, but I think it went well for our first attempt. I received Organization Reports from 35 councils. The process has made it much easier for us to collate the information. I am sure we all have ideas as to how we can simplify the process next year. We will not be nearly so intimidated!

Membership Fees

No doubt you are finishing up your membership drives in your parishes. Anne Madden reports in her provincial directive, that 654 councils are now submitting their memberships on line. We are truly moving with the electronic age. I hope it is making your duties easier, and it is not seen as an extra burden! In your reports, it is evident that the personal approach is most successful in maintaining membership and in recruiting new members. With that in mind, please make those phone calls or visits if you have members who have not renewed. They may have just forgotten as you know! Are there ladies in your parish you have meant to seek out but have not? Perhaps now is the time to ask them to join you in the League. Remind them that even if they cannot commit to attend meetings at this time, their membership is important to the League. It was interesting to see in the cumulative report I received from National, that the average number of new members per council in the Kingston Diocese is 4. Good work ladies! We are attracting new members.

League Resources

I was pleased to read in the report summary that many of your councils welcome new members with pins, welcome kits, brochures etc. It is certainly a joy to celebrate new members. Many of you also reported celebrating the years of service and special achievements of members with service pins, certificates and other awards. If your council is thinking about such a celebration, resources and even programs can be found on the National website at www.cwl.ca.

If you have members of your executive who are new to their position this year, make sure they have the appropriate resources, such as our Constitutions and Bylaws or the Handbooks for Treasurers, Organization Chairpersons, etc. Encourage them to read through the outlines to know the details of their role. Of course, our best resources are those ladies who have held the positions in the past. Mentors can be great leaders! Have a look at these resources and others that can also be found on the national website.

Anniversary Celebrations

The following information comes from Anne Marie Gorman, national president-elect, organization chair. The council anniversary certificate is awarded by diocesan council to parish councils in recognition of years of service. In most cases, a parish council need only look at their charter to find the date of inception, however other councils may have had years when membership dues were not collected for one reason or another. In such cases, councils are encouraged to check with national office to identify years of service. Please refer to National Policy and Procedure, page 44, for information regarding status.

May The Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us as we continue to work for the League,

Respectfully submitted.