



Kingston Diocesan Council

Treasurer

Care for our Common Home

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To: Parish Council Treasurers

From: Jean Mulvihill, Diocesan Treasurer

CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Treasurer

Attachments: Financial Report 01 February 2020 to 16 October 2020

"In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" Pope Francis, Inaugural Mass

I would like to thank all parish councils for remitting the membership fees for 2020 and pass on important information from the National Treasurer about the payment of annual membership fees and insurance for 2021 when we are not meeting.

Payment of membership fees

"Why pay a membership fee since everything is closed?" is a remark you may hear spoken. Remember, the national portion of the per capita fee is \$13.00 and work at national office is certainly not on hold! Office building expenses (rent, utilities, and maintenance), office equipment, and staff expenses cost approximately \$6.50 per member. Expenses for implementing the strategic plan are approximately \$2.50 per member and *The Canadian League* costs approximately \$3.50 per member. National also provides funds for League development, the national executive expenses, and funds a large part of the national convention. The League's financial stability is directly affected by the number of its members, so early membership renewal and remittance for 2021 is essential.

Insurance

Directors' and officers' liability insurance for national, provincial and diocesan needs to be maintained as well as general liability insurance for all councils. Some in-person meetings are taking place, and all it takes is one claim to illustrate the importance of insurance. Negotiations with the insurers took place in an attempt to lower the rate for 2021, but unfortunately, insurers across the board are taking a very hard line. The League advised that very few meetings and activities were taking place but to no avail.

A reduction from \$0.50 to \$0.45 per member for the liability insurance for 2021 has been received. Please make sure your members understand that the payment of the \$0.45 per member insurance fee is for the good of all members—much like wearing a mask to protect others.

Respectfully submitted.