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The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**Past President/Historian**

***Care for our Common Home***

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**To:** Parish Council Past Presidents/Historians  
**From:** Maureen Vincentine, Diocesan Past President/Historian  
**CC:** Kingston Diocesan Executive

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Greetings Past Presidents,

Welcome to each of you, whether you have served in this role for several terms or if you are just beginning your term. 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 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! Especially in 2021, as we begin to meet again it is so important to be comfortable in the knowledge that our councils may not have the same rhythm as pre covid, but we will try new initiatives and different meeting styles. We may not be able to do the same fundraising but the care and kindness we show to our sisters, to our parishes and to our communities will be supported by our faith and our creativity.

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 fall/winter you will find time to update your council history. If you have recently become past president, I strongly suggest you write a report of your term and add it to your council history. 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.

Your president received a request for information to add to our latest history book. We are including history from 2013 to 2021. If your council has not yet submitted the

information, please work with your president to complete it, and send it to me by the end of November.

I am presently preparing a package to be sent to all ladies eligible to be nominated for diocesan executive. In a few weeks you, as a past president will receive this package. This year we will be sending it electronically. Please discern prayerfully how you will respond to this call. We each have gifts and talents that are meant to be shared and nurtured. Each of us, having served as parish president at one time, has something to offer. There are such blessings we receive from doing the work of the League and in meeting and working with sisters in the League. Please consider letting your name stand for nomination.

Respectfully submitted.

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