



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

Treasurer

*Catholic and Living It!
Go Make a Difference
Reconnect*

Directive #1

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To: Parish Council Treasurers
From: Mary Lou Hills, Diocesan Treasurer
CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Treasurer

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“Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works. Do not absent yourself from your own assemblies...but encourage each other...”

Hebrews 10: 25 – 25

I am not ashamed to admit that I have copied a quotation that was inserted into her first directive, upon having been elected as Treasurer of The Kingston Diocesan Council, to wit - Nancy Richer, as I write my first directive. And it is a directive that deals with several issues: changes to the organizational structure of the league and the increase in the national per capita fees that become effective with the 2023 membership dues collection. I chose Nancy's particular quote because it asks us to encourage each other, to be concerned with each other as we struggle with change.

Most of you are not new to the position of treasurer so I ask you to bear with me as a new treasurer. To those recently elected I congratulate you and thank you for accepting this challenge.

As The League adjusts, to the new council executive structure and accountabilities, I am happy to say that Treasurers will have no change in their responsibilities:

1. Maintain the financial records of the council concerned and have them appropriately audited or examined annually
2. Receive all League monies and pay all accounts as authorized
3. Be a signing officer for all official documents
4. Present a report of revenues and expenditures at meetings
5. Prepare and monitor annual budget

We all know the challenge ahead of us – the League has lost 18% of its member base in the past 4 years; members do not renew due to lack of interest; many members have died; and the League also faces the issues within the Catholic church today and so on.

But what I would like to ask, as another Diocesan Treasurer Jean Mulvihill asked in her directive of October 28, 2021 did, is to reflect on the reasons why you became a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. I ask you to think of what being a member of the League means to you. I also ask you to think of the legacy of the League in its last 101 years: assisting new immigrants; speaking on behalf of women, and the issues that affect us, with federal and provincial governments. Jean asked, in her directive, that we take time to pray and reflect on the importance of the League as we try to make this world a better place. We cannot lose our voice as a catholic organization with the government. We need to be able to pass on this legacy to not only our daughters, granddaughters, but for future generations of women.

For, after all we are "Catholic and Living It" and with the help of our sisters in the League we can "Go and make a difference". Let us "Reconnect". These are the challenges that we meet as we "our next adventure" with our fellow sisters/friends in The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Lou Hills