



Directive #1

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To: Kingston Parish Council Presidents

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Dear Parish Council Presidents,

As I start my term as your Kingston Diocesan President, I do so with a humble heart and a sense of enthusiasm. These past few years have been hard on most but it is now time to reconnect. The Catholic Women's League of Canada does such great work at all levels, from parish fundraisers to assist local charities to National resolutions brought to Government officials to invoke change in our country. National theme tells us to be **Catholic and Living It!** Our new provincial theme is **Go Make a Difference** and our diocesan focus is to **Reconnect**. We need to get back to what we do best and start doing what we can now.

PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

It's time to update our records. I'm including a form I need every parish council to fill out and return to our corresponding secretary, Annette at kingstoncwlrc@gmail.com. Whether you have a full slate of officers or are running business with 3 or 4, whether you are new to the position or have been 'volunteering' for several terms, I need to understand the current state of affairs. Please complete as best you can.

Also included is the Kingston Diocesan Council Directory 2022 – 2024. The information has been updated with known changes. I ask that you double check your council information and respond back with changes or a simple acknowledgement that it is correct.

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT FALL MEETING

Our 'in-person' President's Fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 to 3:30 at St. Paul the Apostle parish hall, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston. Detailed agenda will be coming soon but in the meantime, please mark your calendar. I'm asking you to make every effort to attend yourself, and if not possible, ensure someone from your council is present. You are welcome and encouraged to bring someone from your executive with you.

PRAYER BOOKS

Every council should have received their 'Collection of Prayers' booklets, gifted to every member on the occasion of our 100 years. I trust they are now in the hands of all our members and spiritual advisors. If not, please distribute them asap. If you are missing any, let me know. I will arrange for you to get additional copies. Speaking of extra, there are more booklets. It was suggested that councils may want to gift a copy to former members, include one in a new member package or give one to a potential member. They also make great gifts for relatives and friends. If you are interested, contact me directly.

RESULTS OF NATIONAL MOTIONS

The National Convention took place in Kelowna, BC in mid August at which time the final votes on the National motions took place. Every motion, with the exception of one, passed. Our Lady of Good Counsel will remain our patroness.

I received a communiqué from Marie Rackley, National Secretary-Treasurer. She provides detail on the 'per capita fee increase' including some additional reasoning and facts. I am providing you a copy, please read it carefully and share with your members.

As for the other motions, I await direction and effective dates from National. I will share information as it becomes available.

I recognize that it may be hard right now to envision how you will implement some of these changes. I'm planning a Diocesan Development Day on Saturday, November 19th (location is still TBD) to assist parishes by providing training and suggestions on how to go forward.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

You may have noticed our Kingston Diocesan website (<https://kingston.cwl.on.ca/>) has been out of commission for some time. The data got corrupted and eventually beyond fixing. We are in the process of rebuilding our site and hope to have it up and running very soon. We appreciate your patience.

For now, please send your posters depicting details of your fall bazaar, yard sales, bake sales and any other CWL parish event you have planned. There will be a spot on the site for upcoming events. They will also be shared on our Facebook page. I encourage all CWL sisters to support each other by participating in each others events where possible. Send information to our webmaster at kingston.cwl@gmail.com

DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2023

Our Diocesan Convention is scheduled for May 6-7, 2023 and I am looking for a HOST COUNCIL. If you think your parish council might be interested, please contact me directly. I can provide you information on what is expected. Remember, you would not have to do this on your own. Our last host council received assistance from many other parish councils as well as your diocesan officers and life members. I can personally attest as Host Council chair in 2019, the experience for our council was a rewarding one and our sisterhood grew tremendously.

IMPORTANT DATES

I am including an 'Important Dates for the 2022-2024 Term' document to assist you in planning. The highlighted blue lines are events the parish councils are invited to attend.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us in all our League activities.

Remember to be:

Catholic and Living It! and Go Make a Difference while we Reconnect!

Your sister in Christ,

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Attachments:

- † *Parish Council Executive Listing Form Current*
- † *Diocesan Directory 2022 - 2024 DRAFT Aug 2022*
- † *20220824 Secretary-Treasurer Communique 05 (final)*
- † *Important Dates 2022-2024 Kingston Term*