

OPC Convention ORAL Report July 12, 2022

Report: Lyne Tuepah, Kingston Diocesan President

Madam President,

As we planned for our Diocesan 100th anniversary convention this spring, it was suggested we assemble a prayerbook, similar to those fundraiser cookbooks we all know so well, only this would not be to fundraise, but more to thank.

As Spiritual Development chair at the time, I offered to facilitate this project.

We asked all members and Spiritual Advisors to submit their favourite prayers and spiritual quotes.

Entries started to come in and we quickly became aware that in order to follow copyright rules, each one needed to be researched to find the original author and understand if permission to reprint was needed.

After many months of googling and proofreading, a booklet was produced called 'A Collection of Prayers'.

A donation for the printing cost was received, and we were able to gift every member and Spiritual Advisor with a copy, whether they were at convention or not.

Presidents were asked to ensure all members, paid or pending, were provided a copy.

They were asked to hand deliver to those members who are housebound or in nursing homes.

This would provide them an opportunity to visit, let our sisters know we are here and thinking of them.

As newly elected President, my first order of business was contacting the councils who were not able to attend convention and arrange to personally deliver the booklets to them.

Visiting provided me the opportunity to learn firsthand what our parish councils have been going through, and what they plan going forward.

After receiving positive feedback from presidents on how the booklet was received, we decided to extend the giving to 4 more recently disbanded councils.

These sisters were part of our 100 years and we wanted them to know they are appreciated and not forgotten.

This project gave me a specific reason to talk one on one to council presidents.

This in turn provided me insight on the struggles and determination of our parish councils.

The experience helped me decide on what my focus needed to be in my term: 'Reconnect'.

After the last few years, it absolutely needs to be about 'Real Communication'.

Respectfully submitted.