



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

Organization Chair

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Go Make a Difference
Reconnect*

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To: Parish Council Chairs of Organization, Vice presidents
From: Maureen Vincentine, Diocesan Organization Chair
CC: Parish Presidents, Diocesan Executive, Provincial Organization

I begin by welcoming any new Vice Presidents, Organization chairs. On behalf of the Diocesan executive, I thank you for your commitment to the Catholic Women's League. We also appreciate and are grateful for the attention given this position by those who continue to serve as Organization chairs across the diocese. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call or email me. I may not have the answers, but together we can search them out! Lyne has chosen the theme "Reconnect" because she wishes to see our council be more involved with all of the parish councils in the Kingston diocese. We are happy to attend a meeting, answer your questions, facilitate a presentation and help in any way we can.

You are probably putting the last touches on your membership remittances for 2023. I know this membership campaign came with many hurdles. Thank you for your diligence. If there are still a few members who have not submitted, I encourage you to make that one last phone call. Let's not leave anyone behind. Can your council help pay part of someone's fees if they are unable? Remind them of the rewards of membership: prayers, sisterly companionship among members, being part of an organization that spans the country with similar goals and focusing on issues that are important to all of us as Catholic women. Remind ladies of how members of your own council "Go and Make a Difference" as our provincial theme suggests.

I want to suggest that this winter or spring would be an opportune time to focus on the members you do have. Let us recognize the Light shining from within our councils! I suggest we make an opportunity in our parish council to come together and celebrate who we are. If you have three or fifteen members that come to meetings, plan something out of the ordinary for them: lunch together? A Lenten liturgy? A get together at someone's home? This would be an opportunity to gather out of the context of business. Let's enjoy each other and support each other outside of the work we share. We need to be a people of great joy. That joy we share as a small group might very well be the light that leads other women to "want what we have".

I hope you have received the most recent CWL magazine and also our provincial newsletter. Although this Ontario Provincial newsletter is only online, it contains many good articles and also several opportunities for your group to participate, via zoom, in presentations and Lenten reflections being initiated in other parts of the province. Perhaps some of your ladies would enjoy gathering together and participating. If you do not already subscribe to the newsletter, you can access it at: <https:cwl.on.ca/February-2023-online-newsletter>.

Respectfully submitted.