

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

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*"You've got what it takes to change this world not because of anything you do, but because of what God can and does do through you."*

When we think about being or becoming a past president we think of what we can do as past presidents to continue to affect change. Yes, we are past, but before we reached this point, many years were spent in service, building experience and expertise which greatly enhanced our understanding of the amazing work the League does. Because we are past does not mean we are finished! Not by a long shot! We have a continued responsibility to our councils. We need to use that gained experience. We are the keepers of the stories, the mentors, the ones with a new insight into the work that is being done and needs to continue. We maintain the scrapbooks and photo albums, we update our policy and procedures and we support, without overpowering, our new president and her executive. We do it because we have understood that God is at work through us.

In Fran Lucas's message in the league magazine, she talked about the archives, and with today's rapidly changing technological world we need to make sure that future members can readily find the materials they need so keep that in mind when updating your archives.

Also, in the league magazine there is an article from National Vice President Betty Colaneri, "Are you the 1?" She mentions there is a time in each person's life they encounter the "1" – a teacher, coach, priest or mentor who made a difference in their life. Doesn't that encompasses being the "Past President". Take time to read the full article.

*"God wants to use you in amazing ways. Will you let Him?"*

Respectfully Submitted