



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
London Diocesan Council



**To: All London Council Presidents and Corresponding Chairpersons**  
**CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC Anna Tremblay, Admin Assistant**  
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## Directive # 5

### Educate

I attended the Provincial convention in Kingston and heard our OPC Administrative Assistant give her report. She used the word “Absorption” and stated it meant a passage of one substance into or through another. Now you ask where I am going with this. We need to educate ourselves on how we are polluting and destroying our Mother Earth, and make ourselves familiar with laws and bills.

### Engage

We heard from a panel of speakers at our Diocesan Convention this past April on the Detroit River clean-up. This project was a big endeavor for both Detroit and Windsor. Their determination was successful but this is an ongoing thing. They challenged us to form groups in our communities to be active and engage because one group will not help our Mother Earth. They spoke on how we are polluting with plastic bottles and bags. The list is ongoing. Sr, Joan Atkinson stated that we are at a critical moment of history and our ecological planet is at risk.

### Empower

I am asking you work with your councils and parishes as well as your community. Make a difference. I want you to the web sites for information or contact the Natural Resources in your area for direction. I encourage you to read the book written by Pope Francis “Laudato Si”.

You need to encourage and promote the theme “Care for our Common Home” so that your communities can “Absorb” the importance of saving our earth.

*“Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us”*

*Canticle of the Creatures, in Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*

*Taken from the book Laudato Si*

*May Our Lady Good Counsel bless you in all your work*  
*Elisabeth Duggan*

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