



London Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Correspondence Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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"START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY, THEN DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE; AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE." ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

The League continues to be a blessing in my life as I share sisterhood with other women of faith at parish, diocese, province and national levels enriched in the spirit of our Mission Statement.

It is an honour to have been elected to the Diocesan Council as the new Correspondence Secretary for the next 2 years. This is a new challenge for me, it will be a learning curve, but with the prayerful support of my league sisters, I know I can do a good job, I do have experience as the Recording Secretary at the parish council level, among other duties.

For those who don't know me, I have been a CWL member since 1974, and I joined because I needed to get out of the house, at that time we had 7 children ranging in age 3 to 13, one more was born in 1976, I was the bookkeeper of our company and the secretary as well. The president at that time put me with a group of ladies my age. I started attending the meetings and as I learned more about the CWL by taking various Committee Chairs and by attending conventions, I was elected President and held numerous committee chairs over the years. Have been the Regional Chair for 4 years and on the Diocesan Council for the last 10 years.

The past Correspondence Secretary has given me a wonderful example to follow, complete with instructions etc. For all the correspondence Secretaries in the Parish Councils I encourage you to obtain a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries, which can be downloaded from the national website. Other resource materials that you might find helpful include the Constitution and By-Laws, the National Manual of Policy and Procedure.

I pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel will guide us.

Yours in service of God

Madeleine

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