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To: All Parish Presidents, Organization Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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Date: September 19, 2015

Directive # 7

Welcome back! It seems hard to believe summer is already over and it's time to get back to routine.

S'mores

Have you reviewed the S'mores workshops that are available to help your council and members? Your regional chairpersons are eager to hear from you to arrange a workshop and the diocesan executive would like to come out to assist you. It is also not too late to host a Catch the Fire workshop. Whatever your needs we have something to offer.

Membership

Have you started planning your membership drive? What are your plans for the membership drive this year? Don't forget to contact those who did not renew last or prior years. Is there something you can do to encourage them to become a member again? Do you offer some kind of incentive to renew early or to renew after a lapse? If you have not started to do your membership on-line, please consider doing so this year – it might be a good way to encourage younger members who have the computer skills to take on this role. Keep in mind that your membership dues must be submitted promptly to national this year in light of elections in 2016. If your membership is not recognized by national, you will be unable to take part in the voting at convention to elect those you wish to represent you for 2016/2018.

Annual Reports

I know you just love hearing that it is annual report time! You will be receiving your package shortly. It is important that you comply with the deadline that will be outlined, as your regional chairperson needs these forms returned to her in a timely fashion so she can distribute them to the appropriate diocesan chairperson. The diocesan executive then has to compile the reports for the diocesan president to make her report to provincial. You might want to follow Life Member Lucy Hendrikx suggestion of completing your reports at a wine and cheese party.

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Annual meetings

Just a reminder to review the *Constitution and By Laws 2013* and the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure 2014* which explain the need to have an “annual meeting” and the distribution of your financial report to all members in advance of this meeting. This is a requirement to meet the requirements of being a Non-Profit Organization.

I will look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Regional Meetings.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you in all you do.

Angela

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