



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



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"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

I hope that all councils have and use a kit for welcoming new prospective women to their council. You should also have a little speech in your head selling and explaining the benefits of being a C.W.L. member.

I feel like I have been harping about membership a lot. We have heard through both the provincial and federal levels that the membership per capita is coming in very slowly this year. I know that some of the fault and frustration is due to problems at the national level. I am also glad to say that we have only two councils that have not yet sent in their per capita. However many councils, (I would hope) have not sent in all their dues as their numbers are way down from the year before. It is **never** too late to send in late dues. We as well as the provincial and federal levels rely on those monies in order to do what we do. If what you always do to **collect membership isn't working, change it!**

I challenge every council to increase their membership from 2018 and/or at least stay the same. I know it isn't easy but you never know what benefit your council may receive from reaching out for new members. You never know, you may be welcoming a future executive member for your council.

Do you know about all the resources available to you? We used to carry a supply of all the resources available to you at fall regional meetings and at conventions but found that carrying that inventory of materials was costly, especially when it is so readily available by ordering online. If you have ever wondered what all is available go to www.cwl.ca and point your cursor under the heading "To Organize". There is also "The Canadian League" magazine. Another excellent resource is any life member that may be living near you. We are blessed with 10 Life members. You can also ask any diocesan executive member for help. We would be more than glad to assist you in any way possible.

Theresa

Joshua 1:9:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."