



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Past Presidents/Historians

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Marie-Theresa Lamphier, Past-President/Historian, Elections & Nominations

Date: March 2018

Directive # 10

Diocesan Elections: Nomination forms, which is your voting delegates instructed vote, are gradually coming in. Thank you to those councils who are sending them in a timely fashion. Note that these are due to me by March 30th, 2018. Please pray for all those who are letting their names stand.

Duties of the Past President: Part XII, Section 7, pg 23. (Constitution & Bylaws 2013)

I am sure that every past president has reviewed these at one time or another

- (a) serve in a consultative capacity
- (b) be responsible for archives and history
- (c) facilitate the study and implementation of the *Constitution & Bylaws*
- (d) perform other duties as assigned by the president

I know that during my term as Past President, one of the biggest jobs was the archives....having to go through them, list everything we have by year, filing the documents, making copies, identifying the people in the pictures and bringing them to our Diocesan Offices. (If you have pictures with no names on them, they are not really of much value.) You may want to go through your archives to see if they need any updating.

The second biggest job is the list of eligible members, the nominations and elections. Of course it is a much different story at the diocesan level than at the parish level. But as past-president, it is still important for you to carry out your duties ...so read the instructions in Manual of Policy and Procedure and ask if you have any questions.

Your Constitution and By-Laws is a great resource....you should go through it and familiarize yourself with it. The National Manual of Policy and Procedure goes into more detail if required.

It is also important to stay in the background and be there if needed. It can sometimes be difficult to make this transition from President to Past President, but we need to give the President wings so that she can fly. Please do not poo-poo an idea just because "we have never done it that way before". With a new executive comes new ideas, and these new ideas deserve to be tried in order to attract new members.

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Be ready and willing to consult with the President if she asks you. Advice can be given in a very diplomatic way but not pushed on others.

Be always ready to give a hand if needed. Just remember that it can be overwhelming for some people to start a new position!

As this is likely to be my last directive as Past President, I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support during my journey on the London Diocesan Executive. I could not have done it without your prayerful support!

Looking forward to seeing you at convention!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you for all you do!