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The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Past Presidents/Historians

CC: London Diocesan Council

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### **Directive # 3**

**November –Remembering our Deceased:** While meditating on Remembrance Day and all the sacrifices that our veterans did for us, thoughts of our Past Presidents and Life Members came to mind. By their example of good leadership, commitment and dedication to the League, they have provided direction by which we can emulate. As mentors, they can provide us with advice or even a helping hand. They may have experienced some of the same things you are experiencing and may have some insight into how things could be handled or ideas on what or what not to do. Besides consulting your executive, think about consulting the past president and Life Members. Also pray for all of our deceased members and the blessing that they were to our world!

**Elections:** I know that many councils are having elections this year. I pray that members may discern where their talents may be used to best do God's work here on earth. The League is a vehicle that can assist you to reach your goals and ambitions while helping you to grow personally, spiritually, and socially. Don't be afraid to try an executive position and feel the satisfaction of helping someone by what you do. Many hands make light work! Don't forget to send in the names of your new executive to your Diocesan Recording Secretary. These updated records are important in case the Diocesan executive needs to get ahold of someone from your council. I also want to remind those councils who still have elections in March or April that it is time to change. The fiscal year is from January to December, so the new executive should be taking over in January.

**Archives:** In an article by Betty Anne Brown Davidson, I am reminded that as Past Presidents we are the "grease monkeys" of the council. We collect the photos, news clippings reports minutes and information about council activities and we preserve what needs to be kept for historical reasons and dispose of the rest. We also organize records for the benefit and enjoyment of members. This can be a time consuming process...but not so bad if you keep on top of things. As your term ends and another executive member takes over, make sure your files are in order, capture and record what needs to be done and when it should be done. Spend some time with the incoming new executive member to explain how things have been done and what is expected of her. A smooth transition helps to make your council a good running machine! Pass it on!

Blessings!

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