



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Presidents, Treasurers, Organization Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC Ann Madden, President
From: Rebecca McCarrell, President
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Directive #7

“Laudato Si’” Praise Be to You! (Pope Francis)
“Treat the earth as if your life depends upon it” Genesis 2:15

What a marvelous convention we had! I hope you were there! Some exciting things happened, and I will try to recap here. ***I am asking all our presidents to make sure your treasurer and your organization chairperson gets a copy of this directive.*** Thank you!

Some highlights:

- Presentations made to us by MP Cheryl Hardcastle; MP Tracey Ramsey; Tecumseh Mayor Gary McNamara; Indigenous teacher Theresa Sims (her drumming and song were such a blessing!); Caldwell Nations, Carrie Ann Peters; the various women’s groups from our area, and the ladies from the CWL Archdiocese of Detroit.
- 2 resolutions – Joan Lobsinger will expand in her directive.
- 2 instructed votes – more below
- Panel Discussion on the Environment
- Bishop Fabbro and Auxillary Bishop Dabrowski both attended Reaffirmation Mass and Banquet
- 30 Spiritual Advisors at the Reaffirmation Mass
- Alexa Gorham – winner of the EcoSchools Logo award and just announced winner of 2018-19 Catholic School Elementary Student Leadership Award spoke about her logo for Educate, Engage and Empower
- Sister Joan Atkinson addressed us on the Laudato Si’
- Social Justice Award Winner: Penny Craig
- Life Member recipient: Marie-Theresa Lamphier

The music, prayers, speakers, presentations and comraderie drew us closer together and gave us a lot of information to share with our councils!

Our instructed votes were both passed.

1.: Motion that per capita fees be raised by \$1 beginning in 2020: Passed. This means when you start collection dues for 2020, the amount per person will be \$21. National portion \$13; Provincial portion \$3; London Diocesan portion \$5.

2. Motion to change Corresponding Secretary (elected) to Administrative Assistant (appointed) passed. At our elections next year, this position will NOT appear on the ballet. Theresa Ryan will appoint her Administrative Assistant and announce at the end of the elections.

Please watch the website, www.cwllondon.ca , for more exciting things happening within our diocese. Remember we hope to see you at the Day at the Shrine, July 10, 2019. (note date change)

The Provincial convention will be happening July 13 – 17th in Kingston. I will be bringing your instructed vote to the table for the next provincial executive...thank you! Please join me on the train on Sat. July 13 (Train 70 to Toronto, then Train 40 to Kingston) and returning Thurs. July 18 (Train 61 connecting to Train 73). Make sure you let Theresa Ryan know if you are attending so she can make appropriate reservations for our Diocesan Dinner (Mon.). This is a great place to learn about what is happening across the province, meet old friends and new! Please consider joining us!

The National Convention is in Calgary August 17 – 21. Theresa Ryan and myself will represent you there.

Our Fall Regional meetings will take place on: Sept. 28 at Sacred Heart Parish in Wingham, Oct. 19 at Holy Angels Parish in St. Thomas, and Oct. 26 at Visitation Parish in Comber. Please save one of these dates and plan to attend. We will have an exciting day building on the theme “Come to the Well”.

Shirts! Shirts! Shirts! What a great response! We had 78 ordered at the convention. We’ve nearly met our goal of 100. The profits will go to purchase commemorative benches for our 100th anniversary at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine. We will be taking orders at the fall regional meetings as well and on our diocesan website!

As you enjoy your family time this summer, remember your actions speak louder than words. Ensure you are conscious of the affects you are having on the environment...conserve water, recycle, reuse or repurpose as many articles as you can; it is a life or death situation for our earth!

Blessings to all,

Rebecca McCarrell
President

