



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council**



To: CC: All Parish Presidents, Chairpersons
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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

It is hard to believe, but this is my last communication to you as Diocesan Secretary. These past two years have flown by much more quickly than I ever imagined. Honestly, I never imagined being the secretary of anything but this experience has helped me to grow in so many ways. I have been blessed:

- Getting to know so many more sisters in the League, a priceless gift;
- Knowing that it is okay to make mistakes, correct them and move on;
- Understanding that I am capable of doing more than I thought;
- To realize that I do not have to know everything and it is okay to ask for help;
- Realizing I can't do everything and sometimes I just have to accept my limits and let someone else do the heavy lifting;
- To understand that it is okay to say, "Sorry, I just can't do that"; and finally
- Knowing that the results of my work have been accomplished through the result of praying constantly to the Blessed Virgin, requesting help through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

As we continue our journey through Lent, I hope each of you takes time to reflect on the important work you do for your council as the keeper of the minutes and communications. Know that you are enough!

I don't know what the Holy Spirit has in store for me in the future but I do know that The Catholic Women's League of Canada is important to me and I will continue to support it in any capacity I am called upon to do so.

After April 30, 2025, you can always contact me through my personal email address, nelly.kelders@gmail.com. I am more than happy to answer your questions about your role as recording secretary or any other matter you would like to talk to me about.

Wishing you a blessed Lent and a Joyous Easter Season

Nelly