



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

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To: All Parish Presidents, Parish Past Presidents, Historians and Election Committees
CC: London Diocesan Council, Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial Council Past President
From: Rebecca McCarrell, Past President, London Diocesan Council 2021-2023
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Directive #8

***“The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not fighting the old,
but on building the new.” — Socrates.***

As I came to write this last directive, the words above still seem relevant and most touching for this time. After serving 23 years on the diocesan council in some way, my time has come to an end and I look back on this amazing bittersweet journey! I can't encourage you enough to letting the Lord lead you in new directions. He will never fail you, even though your anxiety and free will says take me out of here! You CAN make a difference in this world. Follow the Lord's lead!

And, I also felt this paragraph beared repeating: This is our time to build the new! In 2023, the London Diocesan Council will be transforming into the new formation of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

In your position of Past President, you have the knowledge and the wherewithall to be mentoring your president and vice president. This is an important stage...mentoring...not putting your ideas on them, but rather explaining the whys, whens, and wheres of the position. Background information is always useful, but remember “The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not fighting the old, but on building the new.”

In your position as chairperson of nominations and elections, you have the duty to reach out to new people who may step into positions because you asked. This is how we grow and create new resources to grow and reach for the future.

I hope to see many of you at convention in Sarnia, and for many events in the future.

May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you peace and renew your strength for the year ahead!

“Go Make A Difference”

“Catholic & Living It!”