

To: All Parish Presidents,

CC: London Diocesan Council, Colleen Perry OPC President

From: Theresa Ryan, London Diocesan President

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Directive #3

We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us.
...Joseph Campbell

We are approaching the Advent Season. It is a time of waiting, something that I am not very good at. We have all been waiting for an end to the pandemic and it still eludes us. We are getting anxious but we must be patient and **follow the health guidelines** to keep everyone safe. We can use the themes for each week of Advent as our guide. Hope..we are hopeful for the future for our CWL which is working hard to survive and grow. Preparation are we preparing to receive our Saviour in our midst, and in our CWL life. Joy, Directive Template for presidentwhat gives us joy? And finally Love, how do we share that love with one another. Are we reaching out to one another in safe ways? Telephone calls, not just email. In my home council we are encouraging "fun mail- knowing that someone is thinking about you mail"

A reminder that the motion package with the instructed vote from National should be voted on and returned by March 1st. I realize some of you are still not meeting in person, but hopefully in the New Year things will improve so that we may meet again. The yellow copy gets sent to me and the pink goes to National and you keep the white copy for now.

Prayer books were printed in preparation of our 100th Anniversary to be given out at the convention. We will be giving each council two books along with one to the executive and Life members. We have some that are left over that we will offer for sale. We have both normal and also some large print available.

We have been asked to participate in another survey from the Strategic Planning committee. this time on "Training and Development". There is one you can do online and one you can print and fill in and mail. Please respond **before December 15th** in one of three ways:

- 1. Submit responses online at form.jotform.com/212846340382050.
- 2. E-mail the completed attached form to Kerri Sylvester at projects@cwl.ca.
- 3. Mail completed form to: CWL National Office, Attention: Kerri Sylvester, C-702 Scotland Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3M 1X5

I encourage you to strive hard to collect memberships, fill out annual reports and hold elections. The words "Do not be afraid, I am with you always" (Isaiah 41:10) come to mind. Try to have some fun doing so. Remember this is Advent season not Lent so put a smile and some spring in your step.