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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. —Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings my sisters in the League! As I write this we are about halfway through Lent. I pray that you find this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving beneficial to your faith journey.

In “The Canadian League Magazine Winter 2023” issue National President Fran Lucas Talks about the latest project called “Unity Outreach”. It is an effort whereby every council across Canada will be visited by officers from the next level, to engage in discussion and share their own council’s specific circumstances, particularly their most significant needs related to fulfilling their council’s objectives. This information will be presented back to the National level. A second visit will be scheduled within a short timeframe to provide meaningful support to the council to address the specific needs expressed. The plan is to have all this happen across Canada within a 12-month period.

National hears your pleas for help and realizes that we are losing members. We are a big organization and that is what the strategic planning that began several years ago (2018) was all about. I think that they realize the struggle that each council is having needs to be heard and then to see if solutions can be found.

By the time you are reading this our diocesan executive will have been visited by a representative of provincial, (Colleen Martin, president-elect OPC) to ask us the same questions that each council will be asked. We have been instructed to have executive members that are not from your area come to talk to each council so that you may feel more free to talk. Time is of the essence to get this done as they are wanting a return visit before the end of the year. As we have 90 councils this may prove difficult to do but hopefully with your cooperation, we will be able to do so.

I am excited about our upcoming convention/AMM in Sarnia, April 24-26th. I hope that many of you have registered and are planning to attend. The planning committee has been working extremely hard and are eager to welcome you to their region. It is a wonderful time of prayer, learning and camaraderie, to see old friends and make new ones. We are trying a new format this year that is intended for those who find it difficult to attend the entire convention, so that they can hear interesting speakers on Tuesday, if they so desire. We are also holding elections for the executive, voting on the amendment to our Constitution & Bylaws and we have two resolutions to discuss and vote on.

Help me, divine friend, to take my time in praying to You. Show me that it is good just to “waste” time with You in such acts as enjoying a sunset or a friendship. Taken from CWL Prays