

To: All Parish Presidents,

CC: London Diocesan Council, Colleen Perry OPC President

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Directive # 5

We must pray for peace. What is impossible for man is possible with God. Pray to our Mother, Queen of Peace, that she intercede to her Son for peace. There is not much we can do, but we can all pray. Jesus promised where two or three are gathered in His name He is in their midst. We need to stand up for our brothers and sisters.

I hope you know you're capable and significant. Even when it feels like you are not.

These words really speak to me. I can't begin to tell you the anxiety I have had the last month or so. I am really afraid of what I do not know. I do know that I have a lot of people supporting me and I am not afraid to ask for help. Planning for the AMM is new to me and a challenge. I need your prayerful support of this endeayour.

Thank you to all those who contacted their members and participated in the instructed vote that will shape the future of our organization. I have been working diligently trying to collect the info I need to hold the instructed vote at our A.M.M. on April26th.

I will be holding a practice session for voting before the AMM so stay tuned for that info from your regional chairperson. I think we are all so much better at participating at online meetings. I hope that many of you will join us online for our A.M.M.

As I am writing this most of the restrictions will have been lifted. I'm sure that some people will continue to be careful and we need to respect that. It is a time for us to reach out carefully to our neighbour, especially those we haven't seen for a while. We need to be welcoming our people back to church and community.

I am looking forward to being able to meet with you in person although we haven't anything planned yet. In talking to some of our councils it has become obvious we should be holding some training sessions. Perhaps we can combine that with a Fall Regional meeting.

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and every day.