



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Parish Presidents, President-elects, Past Presidents,
and all members of the London Diocese Catholic Women's League

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Combined Directive #3

"Worry is a conversation I have with myself about things I cannot change. Prayer is a conversation we have with God about things God can change." Diocese of London website

Fall is upon us! This is my (Rebecca's) favourite time of year, I love the mild days and the crisp nights – walks under the stars, and sitting around a warm campfire! I pray you have had time to embrace family times even through social distancing!

Bishop Fabbro has opened our churches with restrictions, however our halls and meeting places are still under restrictions. It is believed that there will be lifting of some restrictions beginning in October. For the CWL, this extends our lockdown until that time. As the province opens up and as our Bishop allows, our meetings and gatherings can begin again. **Please do not book yard sales large gatherings, fundraisers or bazaars, etc. until this lockdown is released by Bishop Fabbro.** We pray that our monthly meetings will be able to resume in the late fall, so watch for these announcements. **Your Pastor will give the final blessing to begin in person meetings again.**

We know many of you had the opportunity to participate in the speaker series hosted by National Council in August. In continuation of this great opportunity, National Spiritual Advisor Bishop Stephen Jensen has also hosted a Spiritual Retreat this past week: Women in Mission. Watch for more of these on-line opportunities to be offered this fall and winter.

Our convention in 2021 will have a little different presentation. We first must have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to ratify the 2019-2020 happenings, and then we will be able to carry on to our 100th Anniversary celebrations. Please keep the dates open and be prepared to send your voting and accredited members to Woodstock. **SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19-21, 2021**

Although we might not see the need of the communities yet as there are many CoVID programs happening, please keep your communities in your prayers, and in your sight as the support programs, monetary programs, and other resources wind down. The loneliness and anxiety

factors are or will be quite prevalent when the winter weather sets in. Remember a phone call or a door knock message can brighten someone's day. As school returns, CoVID is already raising its ugly head with infections present in the schools. Please keep our children, and their teachers in your prayers.

Elections: Elections will take place in April using the instructed votes received in the spring. If you ran for office, please connect with Angela Pellerin to confirm that you will continue to let your name stand.

Membership Dues: The dues that need to be sent to National are \$21.50 per member. Please remember that even though CoVID shut down our fundraising sources, the work of the League goes on and this is the money that allows us to function in our respective areas. At time of writing this directive, there are not any relief measures in place.

As we continue in this not so ordinary time, let us continue to celebrate the public ministry of Jesus and become his missionaries in our own communities.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with each of you on this journey to His Kingdom!

Blessings for a beautiful fall, bountiful harvest, and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Rebecca, Theresa & Angela