



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
London Diocesan Council**



To: All Parish Presidents, Chairpersons  
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Chairperson  
From: Mary Clare Latimer  
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**Directive #8**

This Lent, I am participating in the Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever 33-day pilgrimage of “Divine Mercy”. The concept of “Divine Mercy” centers around God’s steadfast love and recurring, unfailing mercy that is greater than all human sin. We have a responsibility to **celebrate and share God’s mercy** throughout our daily lives. One can only imagine what a different world we would live in, where kindness and compassion is the basis for all human behaviour versus the palpable acts of anger, envy and greed, demonstrated on so many levels in society today. I encourage all to take a moment to acknowledge the daily hour of mercy at 3 p.m., reciting Jesus’ words “Forgive them Father for they know not what they do”, trusting that God’s will to “right our upside-down world” be demonstrated through our own acts of mercy!

Just under 50% of the 87 London Diocesan Councils submitted their Annual Treasurer Parish Reports in January of this year - THANK YOU!! These recorded donations toward the National Voluntary Fund, your Standing Committees and respective Parishes totaled over \$323,00.00!! This financial support coupled with your “physical” volunteer support in your parishes and communities is surely fulfilling God’s great law of charity; sharing at home and abroad the good things God has provided to your Council’s!

2025 budgets should be approved by now. Remember budgets are guidelines, and not written in stone, HOWEVER, if a budgeted line item will be more than the approved budget line item, you will need a motion to payout the new amount. The Parish Treasurer should request a list of motions from the Secretary so that you can update your budget information accordingly. Only motions that request an update to your Council’s Policy & Procedure manual would be used for future budgeting purposes.

At the end of each year or at least, term of office, a committee of 2 or 3 should be examining your Council books as a way of audit. This is to ensure everything has been completed accurately and that the books balance. This annual best practice continues to be strongly recommended.

Wishing all of you a continued **Best Lent Ever** and a **Blessed Easter!! MC**