

Timmins Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Organization Standing Committee

Directive #3

October 2018

To: Parish Organization Standing Committee Chairpersons; Parish presidents, Diocesan Standing Committee Chairpersons, Diocesan President, Provincial Organization Chairperson

From: Irene Gregorcic, Timmins Diocesan Council, Organization Chairperson

Dear Presidents and Organization Chairpersons,

I hope you all enjoyed the fantastic summer we had and are ready to get back to CWL activities.

I would like to again mention some ideas from my first directive from 2017.

I welcome your comments, questions, suggestions and ideas as they pertain to the Organization Committee. I will try to keep you as informed as much as possible both through directives and informal emails. Remember that all information shared should be forwarded on to your members.

A recurring theme for this committee is to start thinking about recruiting new members and collecting the 2019 membership fees. Encourage your members to personally ask a friend to become a CWL member. A personal invitation often works. Promote the League at every opportunity. Wear your pins and scarfs.

Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial Council, Organization Standing Committee Chairperson closed her oral report at the 2018 Provincial convention with this paragraph. "Membership in the Catholic Women's League of Canada is a gift - a gift to be cherished and shared. Why did you join? Is there a parishioner or family member who could benefit from membership? Invite them to the next meeting. Share your joy of the League wherever you can. Call on the Holy Spirit to show you other ways to be visible. Wear your pin. Perform random acts of kindness. Expect nothing in return and you will reap the gifts of the Spirit in abundance. "

Good luck with your recruiting members this fall. National appreciates receiving the membership monies by January 1st. Remember that membership fees should be sent to national office as soon as they are received. The sooner this is done, the sooner the provincial and diocesan portions get sent out. So now is the time for planning.

Remember to be welcoming to one and all.

Make all our members feel like they belong

In her directive #5, Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial Council, Organization Standing Committee Chairperson, announced at “ the national convention that the online membership portal was up and running as of August 14th.”

She also wrote that “the national website is being revamped to improve the experience and make it more user friendly. It should be ready soon, so you will be able to read the oral reports from the national convention. Her oral report (Colleen Perry)to the provincial convention is available online at <http://cwl.on.ca/directives/21/organization> “.

In Colleen Perry’s (the Organization Chairperson of the Ontario Provincial Council) first directive she reminded us to make it a habit to check both the provincial and national websites weekly. We are encouraged to do this on Wednesdays – **WEBSITE WEDNESDAYS**... So try to make it your day to learn and share! Encourage your members to do this.

Our provincial theme of Homelessness is ongoing for the rest of the year. A new national theme was announced “Care for Our Common Home” and will become effective January 1, 2019. Any further information I get on this theme will be forwarded to you.

A big part of this committee is Annual Reports. **Please fill out all the reports even if you do not have a chairperson for each committee.** I hope that 100% of our councils participate this year. We should celebrate all the things our CWLs do. When I receive information on this topic I will let you know.

Finally, I would like to mention two awards we have not heard too much about lately- the maple leaf pin and the Bellelle award. Last year, Anne Gorman (National President) while she was President Elect and National Organization Chairperson asked us to nominate members for the maple leaf pin (long serving members who have contributed to their parishes) and the Bellelle award (a member who will not be eligible to serve the national level as a lifetime member }. Consider making more use of these awards along with your other service pins.

Please pass on this information to your members.

Your sister in the League,

Irene
Timmins Organization Chairperson