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The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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To: Parish Past Presidents/Historians
Cc: Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, President & Executive, Parish Presidents,
Diocesan Life Members, Provincial Past President
From: Timmins Diocesan Past President – Historian Chairperson, Audrey Shelton

Greetings Past Presidents (and Presidents of councils without Past Presidents)!

I know a few councils had new executives start their term this past January and a few councils will have elections this coming November and then there are a few that have a perpetual president working with a few dedicated women. That is all fine and I am pleased that we are still working with our eight Timmins Diocesan Councils. Keep up the great work!

If your council is planning on having elections this November, it is usually the Past President that runs the election process. This involves getting membership lists to your members along with nomination forms well ahead of the November election date. Once nomination forms are sent in, those nominated will need to be called to see if they will stand for the position they were nominated for. Find yourself a couple of members to help you with this process. Those on the elections committee are not to be running for any position on the executive. Full details can be found in the Constitution & Bylaws 2013 booklet.

I want to bring your attention to The Canadian League magazine Volume 96/No. 2/Spring 2020. This magazine has a lot of CWL history in it as we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League in Canada. I recommend that a copy of this magazine be placed with your archives. As Past President you are responsible for your council's archives. These archives should include the past secretary minute and motion books, financial records, photo books and any other material that contributes to the history of your council. I hope you have been bringing your camera to your events and keeping up the photo albums. This is a great opportunity to work on the photo albums during this "down time" when we don't have meetings to plan and attend. Have a look at what your council has stored in all those boxes and filing cabinets and make an inventory. This can be reported on at your next council meeting.

The Centenary Project for 2020 is for each council to plant a tree to commemorate the League's 100th Anniversary. It also follows the theme of Care for our Common Home. I encourage you to take the lead on this project and follow it through this spring or fall. A time Capsule would be a great idea as well to place in the ground with the tree. Information on the project is on page 29 of the spring Canadian League magazine.

Blessings, Audrey Shelton Timmins Diocesan Past President/Historian