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To: Parish Communications Chairpersons
From: Colleen Murphy, Diocesan Communications Chairperson
Cc: Parish Presidents, Diocesan Executive, Provincial Communications Chair

Dear Sisters in the League,

I pray that all is well in your homes, and that you can enjoy God's magnificent fall display – He made it just for you!!!!

I attended a meeting with other diocesan members at a local parish this month, looking for ways that their parish council can stay vibrant. I heard of the struggles they are having in finding new leadership. We made some suggestions, and pray that God will bless them with the energy and love of the League to continue serving Him. We pray that all parish councils continue to find ways to serve our members and parishes for God and Canada!

Communicating During Transition – August 2022 to July 2024

Given the passing of the National Instructed Vote motion to reduce the number of standing committees in the League, we are entering a period of transition between the 'old' committees and the new. It will take well into 2024 before all levels of the League will have elected chairpersons for the new Faith, Service and Social Justice committees. In the meantime, communication needs to continue.

For now, Lisa Henry, our Diocesan President, has directed us to continue sending communications to the committee chairs, until Linda Squarzola, our Provincial President, implements the new process province-wide. **I will send further direction when this change will take effect.**

Betty Colaneri, National Communications Chair, has sent direction as such:

- **“Counterpart to counterpart communications will be eliminated during this transitional period in favour of communicating through the presidents and the secretaries.**

- Communications received by the president and secretary, after conferring, will be fanned out to their executive or to the next level, as is appropriate to their unique council needs and structure.

The League will rely on dual communications with the council president and council secretary to receive, review and forward communications coming from other levels. These two positions exist in both the old and new structure, making them the ideal candidates for receiving all information.

Choosing both positions instead of just the president or the secretary ensures that the pre-existing challenges of communicating between levels will be partially eliminated, as while one may not receive a communication, the other one may. The advantages of the proposed system include ensuring the president is fully informed, secretaries have an opportunity to grow into their communications role under the new structure, and they have greater control over projects, programs and workflow based the unique charisma of their council executive.”

Each parish council will have to develop their own communication process between president and secretary to ensure communications don't 'fall through the cracks'. Transition is never easy, but we look to the future of the League with this new structure as a wonderful new look and feel! Please be patient with the process.

Stay tuned for further Communication!!!



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