



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

Care For our Common Home

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To: Parish Presidents
From: Cathy McKinney, Diocesan President
cc: Ontario Provincial President, Colleen Perry, National President

Greetings;

Although we cannot be together at this time, I cannot express the importance of League membership enough! Imagine your life without the Catholic Women's League of Canada. I am writing to you today to ask for prayers that a vaccine may be found for Covid 19 and that it be distributed without haste. Many of the councils have asked if per capital dues will be collected for 2021. The answer is yes! We need to continue God's work here on earth as the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Our League has not been dormant in the six months of Covid 19. Of course the strategic planning committee continues its very important work guiding us into the next 100 years of faith in action. Yours truly planted the first of three trees to be planted in each region in recognition of 100 years.

We can now begin to meet again at the parish level keeping in mind social distancing guidelines. I would recommend consulting your pastor and perhaps using the church proper to host your meeting as it is already set up for social distancing. As I write this directive, we are heading into the second wave of Covid 19 and members may not feel comfortable doing such.

Many activities have been happening around the country and I would like to share some ideas with the members. These are ideas that can occur on an individual basis but will have a great impact. We can continue to fill blessing bags for at risk women (bags filled with toiletries etc), continue to knit for neonatal units in hospitals, collect gift cards for Tim Horton's for \$5.00 to be dropped off at soup kitchens and shelters, and donating non-perishable foods to food banks. You can consider adopting a senior in a long term care residence. You could send them cards with well wishes as so many of our resident's of long term care are feeling very socially isolated. Another suggestion is to write thank you cards to front line workers! You could

include a message of gratitude or thanks or you could add a gift card as a thank you.

This week we were informed that the national 2021 convention will be held by invitation only. That means that only voting and accredited delegates are able to attend. Part of the document states;

WINNIPEG – September 22, 2020 – Notice is hereby given that the 2020 and 2021 annual general meetings of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada will be held in Toronto, Ontario at the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre, August 8-10, 2021 for the transaction of necessary business.

After extensive consideration and consultation regarding current public health guidelines, uncertainty with respect to what those guidelines will be in August 2021, and with consideration for the care, concern and protection of members, socially distanced annual general meetings will be held in lieu of a formal convention.

The annual general meeting will be held by invitation only to all voting and accredited delegates.

Invitations will be extended by way of letter in February 2021 to those eligible to attend.

For the convenience of the membership, the annual general meetings will be live-streamed. Members are encouraged to gather remotely, where possible, to allow for collegiality and the opportunity to discuss matters before the assembly.

At this time our annual diocesan convention is under review. Stay tuned for updates.

Please reach out to me with any concerns or questions regarding this document!

Respectfully,

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