



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

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To: Parish Council Past Presidents

From: Lisa Henry, Diocesan Past President

Cc: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Executive and Provincial Past President

Autumn Greetings Dear Sisters in the League,

Recognizing our life's seasons isn't always simple and ought not to be done alone. In the Book of Ecclesiastes shares "*there is a season for every activity under heaven*" and God wants to lead us through every season. Autumn is a time of beauty, of harvesting and of shedding the old. While autumn is a time of productivity, it is also a time of completion and transition. It is in that spirit of transition that I write this directive focusing on elections for this year or the upcoming year. There are beautiful and gifted leaders among us!

National Past President, Fran Lucas shares the following important information regarding elections:

The work of the League is gearing up, and with that, I share a revision to the National Manual of Policy and Procedure (P&P) that will affect those holding elections in the months ahead.

At the August 11th national executive/board meeting, a motion was adopted to revise the wording in the nominations procedure outlined on page 105, lines 8 through 12 of the P&P. The new wording is in bold below:

3. A written reply will be requested and if the member is willing to accept nomination, a brief resume of her League service and experience shall be included as well as a letter of good standing from her pastor or spiritual advisor. At the national level, any member allowing her name to stand for the office of president (in the case of a vacancy in the position of vice-president), vice-president or secretary-treasurer shall submit with her resume a criminal records check for the purpose of volunteering with the non-vulnerable sector.

Please Note: *The above change applies at every level of the League and position for which a person is letting their name stand on the executive. Thank you for ensuring your executive and nominations committee are aware of this change.*

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP – YOU'RE INVITED!

I would like to take this opportunity to share that we will be presenting a virtual workshop "Stewardship in the CWL – Elections" (gifted by the Toronto Diocese) on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00 pm. **Advance Registration is required in order to send each participant the accompanying materials for the workshop: Please register by emailing: pastpresidentssmcwl@gmail.com**

Please see the attached workshop poster with an invitation to share it with your executive council members.

I invite you to send any questions you may have in advance of the virtual workshop, to the email in the signature block below.

I look forward to having you join us!

Peace and Blessings,

Lisa

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