

The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

Catholic and Living It!

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To: Parish Presidents

From: Lisa Henry, Diocesan President

Cc: Ontario Provincial President, Colleen Perry, National President

Greetings to All,

I am truly humbled and honoured to serve you in this role and ask for your prayers for our executive. Please be assured of our prayers for each of you in all you do for the League.

It was so wonderful to gather at our Diocesan Convention in North Bay! What an uplifting and informative weekend!

I would like to sincerely thank our Past-President, Cathy McKinney for her leadership and dedication during her three-year term. Her steadfast commitment, care and concern during the pandemic was truly evident as she navigated through many challenges on our behalf.

I am excited to introduce you to Father Pat Woods, our new Spiritual Advisor for the next five years. Father Pat took no time in saying yes to this role and we are tremendously blessed to have him journey with us. His faith, big heart, enthusiasm, creativity, and sense of humour are infectious, and he is a gift to us all!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to your new Diocesan Executive. I am tremendously grateful to each of them for sharing their time and talent in this capacity.

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North Bay Regional Chairperson Sault Ste. Marie Regional Chairperson Sudbury Regional Chairperson Deborah Hickey Jane Chaput Debbie Mattiazzi

How wonderful to be able gather in person and give hugs again! Please keep in mind the following conventions that are upcoming:

75th **Annual Provincial Convention:** July 10-13, 2022 – Ottawa https://cwl.on.ca/75th-ontario-provincial-amm-convention-click-on-each-link/ It is at this convention, our very own Linda Squarzolo will be installed as Provincial President and your presence and support would be so wonderful!

102nd **Annual National Convention:** August 14-17, 2022 – Kelowna, BC https://cwl.ca/kelowna-2022/

I extend my sincere thanks to all of you for your leadership and sisterhood throughout these past two and a half years. Your faith and support to your councils has not gone unnoticed and we draw inspiration from your ministry of presence to your members.

While it must have felt like we were living in unprecedented times, we continued to persevere. It is through this perseverance and determination we can make a difference. Martin Luther King said: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward".

Let us go forward together with tenacity of purpose.

"Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach.

Any small thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of our poor suffering world, will help immensely.

It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip towards the enduring good.

What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing.

We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale" ~ Clarissa Pinkola Estés ~

We are that group who will not give up. For with God, all things are possible.

Your sister in the League,

Lisa Henry