



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Past-President/Historians
CC: London Diocesan Council, Provincial Past-President/Historian
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The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. - William Arthur Ward

Happy New Year! Hope you were able to enjoy time with your families and friends.

Welcome to all new past-presidents. Remember you are still an important member of your council executive.

One of the roles of the past-president is to be a mentor. What are some of the simple ways to be a good mentor?

Be available – when needed with timely and godly advice.

Be purposeful – what do they need from you?

Be creative – when and where do you want to meet? Over coffee? Before the next meeting?

Be a listener – let them open up. Wait until she asks for your thoughts before offering them.

Be an example – “Do as I say, not as I do” is as infamous in mentoring as it is in parenting.

Let them make their own decisions – to think through challenges and derive solutions.

Be accountable to them – if you promise to look into an issue or provide a resource, do so in a timely fashion.

I hope this helps you with this aspect of your new role.

We are often asked why we have to have an annual meeting. The Catholic Women’s League of Canada is a federally incorporated organization under the authority of the federal government since December 12, 1923. An annual meeting at each level is called for in the *Constitution & Bylaws*. Why?

- 1) To promote the *Objects and Policy* of the League
- 2) To plan future programs
- 3) To receive annual reports
- 4) For election of officers, if applicable.
- 5) As an organization we are bound by external and internal rules.

External – Corporate law (federal government)

Internal – Constitution & Bylaws, Rules of Order, Standing Rules (Policies and Procedures), National Manual of Policy and Procedure, Manuals of Policy & Procedure as adopted/applicable at all levels.

If there are other questions you would like to have answered, please contact me.

Stay tuned for my next directive with more helpful hints.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with you as you continue to work for God and Canada.

God bless.

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