



London Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents
CC: London Diocesan Council
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It is hard to believe that the summer is over already. While most of you had a break from CWL activities, others of us were busy attending conventions and planning for the coming season. Attending provincial and national conventions was a time to meet old friends and make new friends from across our vast country.

Rebecca McCarrell and I were honoured to represent you at the various conventions, with the cost covered by the diocesan council. Also, several other members from across our diocese attended one or both of the conventions, doing so at their own expense. Why do they attend? Because of the sharing with other women of faith, learning new things and experiencing uplifting spiritual programs. At the national convention, we enjoyed sharing with ladies from other provinces during the strategic planning session. It brought to light the difference between smaller provinces/diocese and our much larger one. New Brunswick is currently restricting after their members voted to discontinue their diocesan councils and just operate with local councils and provincial – they have half the number of councils in the entire province as we have in our diocese alone. I hope some of you were able to watch the live feed of the national convention and able to participate in the town hall session.

With the provincial convention being held next year in Toronto, I would hope that your councils would consider budgeting to send someone to attend.

The resolutions passed at both provincial and national conventions will be on the various websites shortly. It was exciting to have the resolution passed at our convention also pass at the provincial level. It will be part of the presentation to the Ontario government this fall. Mary Bannon with be sending you information on the resolutions carried at both the provincial and national conventions.

For me it has been a privilege to volunteer in the fundraising campaign for the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation. The fundraising goal has almost been reached however, the Foundation is still in need of your donations. Please consider contributing to this worthy program. If each council sent even a small amount, it would be go a long way to getting this up and running. The program will be run through St. Paul's University, Ottawa with applications being accepted starting this September. More details can be found on the CWLF website.



The fall regional meetings will be held September 23rd at Our Lady of the Atonement, Windsor, October 21st at Precious Blood, Exeter and October 28th at St. Michael's, London, you may attend whichever one is best for you. Just a reminder that these meetings are for ALL your members, not just the executive. Considering the workshops being offered, I would urge you to ask your treasurer, or anyone interested in taking on this role in the future, to attend. Come join us for faith, fun and fellowship.

I wish those of you holding bake sales and bazaars this fall, much success so you can continue to serve those in need.

May God bless you as you continue to respond to God's call. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Angela