



London Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Treasurers

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Mary Lappan, London Diocesan Treasurer

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I hope your Lenten plans are going well. It's easy to make commitments to give up or make positive changes but it is also easy to let these commitments fall by the wayside. If this has happened to you don't be discouraged. You can always start over. Jesus doesn't expect us to be perfect just to keep on trying.

Once again thank you for sending me your reports a second time. Your reports next year should be much easier and certainly not as confusing. I did notice that in general, donations were down for 2016 except for Community Life. I'm not sure if this is because of economics or money going to other charities.

The survey results for our National reports indicated some confusion with budgets. Of the 86 councils that submitted the National survey, only 63% prepared a budget. A budget is important to keep your council on track financially. Since this is one of the duties of a treasurer as outlined in the Executive Handbook, it is up to you to ensure this is completed. A budget does not have to be long or complicated. If your council is struggling with this, there is a sample budget in the National Manual of Policy and Procedure or call me. I am always available to help.

Please use the forms with my name on them. You can discard any of the other forms. I have received many outdated forms with donations to charities we no longer have on our list.

By now your council should have sent in some per capita. This must be in before convention or your council cannot vote on any of the motions presented.

I hope to meet many of you at the convention in Stratford. I've talked and corresponded with several treasurers and it's always nice to put a face to a name.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you as you serve God and Canada.

Blessings

Mary Lappan

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