

Treasurer's Oral Presentation for 2018 Provincial Convention
Toronto

Thank you, Madame Chair

Good morning/afternoon everyone

What does a Treasurer do? From our Constitution and By-laws, the Treasurer is defined as such – “the Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the council concerned and have them appropriately audited or examined annually; receive all League monies and pay all accounts as authorized; be a signing officer for all official documents; present a report of revenues and expenditures at meetings; prepare and monitor an annual budget”

In addition, as to what was listed, there are intangible elements also. Trust in what you do, faith that you are not alone and confidence to carry on.

You can use these elements of faith, hope, trust and confidence in your encounters with your council members, other CWL members, the lonely, the poor, the sick and many more people you meet daily.

The parish council treasurers and the diocesan council treasurers continue to work with the council members in promoting our focus of homelessness. I have encouraged them to assist in any projects that the council maybe pursuing.

As you can see on the screen behind me, I have chosen Our Lady of Confidence, also known as Our Lady of Trust. Our Lady of Confidence guided the steps of Saint John XXIII. Saint John Paul II started a papal tradition of venerating this miraculous image each year. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI carried on that tradition. You will notice in the image that Christ points to His mother. Our Lord points directly to His Mother as to tell us, “If you would come to me, go to her. For what she asks of Me, I will give her.” And in this unbalanced world of today we should go to Mary asking for ways that we can assist in helping the homeless, the sick, the voiceless and all those in need.

Councils and members who donate to the Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund have faith and trust that their money will serve to increase vocations to the priesthood. They are confident this will happen through donations and prayers.

In reviewing the annual survey by the treasurers, more council are preparing budgets and asking other members to work on this committee to assist with this task. Hopefully, this will encourage other members to sincerely look at the position of treasurer as a gift not a position to stay away from. The charitable donations from the councils in Ontario clearly indicate your love and support for those in need. In 2017, donations were made in the amount of \$1,907,122.00. Truly, the members love and support those in need.

Mary, Our Lady of Confidence and Trust had to balance her role as Mother, Teacher, Counsellor and Guide to her Son as he grew. Just as Mary led her Son through the many

challenges he faced while growing up, so too are the treasurers responsible for guiding their councils in managing the finances and financial situations faced on a daily basis.

May we continue to focus on the needs of others! May our hearts be filled with confidence and trust as we move through our days as women who respond to God's call.

Once again, I say, to all treasurers present and those wanting to be treasurers, may your debits and credits balance the first time, every time.

May Our Lady of Confidence pray for us

Madame Chair, this ends my report