



Ontario Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Organization Standing Committee

Directive #5

Page: 1

August 2018

To: Diocesan Organization Committee Chairpersons

From: Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial Council, Organization Standing Committee
Chairperson,

Sub Committee Chair: Glenda Klein

cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Organization Standing Committee
Chairperson

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. I have just returned from the national convention in Winnipeg. It was a joyous celebration. I was privileged to travel by train from Toronto to Winnipeg with Betty Anne Brown Davidson. The 34-hour trip was spent chatting, praying, reading and knitting. We met people from Australia and the southern United States. We spent some time with Sr. Bea, a Salesian sister of St. John Bosco, who, in her 70s, was moving from Montreal to Vancouver to start a new convent. We also met Pani and Masus from Toronto. They immigrated from Persia and became Canadian citizens two years ago. They were interested in our prayer practices. We discussed prayer and social justice issues from both the Catholic and Muslim perspective.

Welcome to our 5 new organization chairs. I am certain that you will have a fulfilling term.

It was announced at the national convention that the online membership portal was up and running as of August 14th. Parish members responsible for membership should be receiving an email this week with the new link.

The national website is being revamped to improve the experience and make it more user friendly. It should be ready soon, so you will be able to read the oral reports from the national convention. My oral report to the provincial convention is available online at <http://cwl.on.ca/directives/21/organization>

The new national organization chairperson is Fran Lucas. I will share any news from Fran as soon as I receive it.

Our provincial theme of Homelessness is ongoing for another year. Please advise of any work being done by you or your committee to enrich the theme.

A new national executive was elected.

National President and Chairperson of International Relations: Anne Gorman

National President-Elect and Chairperson of Organization: Fran Lucas
National First Vice-President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development: Shari Guinta
National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Communications: Doreen Gowans
National Secretary-Treasurer: Janet McLean
National Past President and Chairperson of Laws: Margaret Ann Jacobs
National Chairperson of Education and Health: Faith Anderson
National Chairperson of Christian Family Life: Pat Deppiesse
National Chairperson of Community Life: Marie Rackley
National Chairperson of Legislation: Betty Colaneri
National Chairperson of Resolutions: Cathy Bouchard

A new national theme was announced "Care for our Common Home" and will become effective January 1,2019.

Five new life members were installed from Ontario. I want to congratulate Genevieve Sexton from Hearst Diocese, Lynn Olenik from Hearst Diocese, Stephanie Spinelli from Kingston Diocese, Sharon St. Jean from Ottawa Diocese and Joanne Hough from Peterborough Diocese. Life Membership is a privilege and an honour. It requires commitment to the League for life. God bless them all.

The 2018 Social Justice Award was awarded to Jan Sosiak from the Kingston Diocese. A revised criteria and timeline have been submitted to the policy and procedure review committee for addition to the Manual of Policy and Procedure. The proposed changes include one nominee from each diocese with nominations to be submitted from the diocesan president by November 15th. I have attached the draft criteria for any comments.

You are all in my daily prayers. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all we do for God and Canada.

Respectfully...