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The Catholic Women's League of Canada
President**



Care for our Common Home

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To: Diocesan Presidents for immediate distribution to all members
From: Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial President
cc: Ontario Provincial Council Executive, National President

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

Please note that the italicized portions are direct from national office...

Good day to all my sisters in the League.

I want to share with you the most recent update from national office regarding our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please find the full document attached. Basically, all necessary business will be conducted in conjunction with the 2021 annual conventions at all levels.

Further, the board declares a one-time exception to Part XIV, Section 2(a) of the Constitution & Bylaws (C&B) to extend the term of all existing officers at diocesan, provincial and national levels for one year.

As well from national, further clarification... *all officers at all levels will stay in place for three years. There is a cycle of continuity that can only be kept at diocesan level if the parish level was included in the amendment.*

This means that no elections, at any level, will take place in 2020. Elections scheduled for 2020 will be held in 2021 and elections scheduled in 2021 will be held in 2022. After that, the two-year terms will resume.

Please remind members that speakers that were to be at the national convention in Montreal will be live streamed August 10th to 14th. Information is available on the national website at <https://cwl.ca/summer-speaker-series-registration/> . Register early, space is limited to 3000 participants.

Loneliness theme: Thanks to Archbishop Prendergast for sharing the following article on the negative consequences that social isolation has on our psychological well-being and physical health including a decreased life span. <http://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2020-06-05-neurobiology-social-distance-why-loneliness-may-be-biggest-threat-survival>

OPC News: Your OPC executive, including diocesan presidents, have been meeting via conference calls monthly since March. It is always a joy to hear the good work that is happening across the province, even in this unprecedented time. Our members have managed to find unique ways of staying in touch; ways of feeling connected; ways of reaching out to the lonely and most vulnerable. Prayer is a powerful healer.



On June 17th, 2020 we celebrated one hundred years of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. There were virtual celebrations, congratulatory messages, and social media posts. This is such a wonderful organization with a strong future. I am proud to be a member every day.

You are all in my prayers daily.

Yours in service to God and Canada,

Colleen Perry

Attachment: From National : Update IIII - COVID-19 - For Immediate Release found on their website.