



Organization Standing Committee

Directive #2

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**From: Linda Squarzolo,
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To: Diocesan Organization Chairs

Copy to: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Executive, Sub-committee,

Duties of the Organization Chair (Executive Handbook p. 37)

- ***Recruit members and maintain membership***
- ***Leadership development***
- ***League resource material***
- ***Annual reports***
- ***Life membership***

Hello my League sisters,

I just returned a few days ago from the 99th Annual National Convention in Calgary. Colleen Martin and I were the provincial representatives. Our report of the convention will soon be available on the provincial website (cwl.on.ca); however, I wanted to share some additional news with you.

Life Members

Eleven women, from across the country, were welcomed as new Life Members. Those, from Ontario include Shirley Christo, Toronto Diocese; Marie-Theresa Lamphier, London Diocese; Ana Sousa, Hamilton Diocese; Anna Tremblay, Sault Ste. Marie Diocese and Anne Vincelli, Alexandria/Cornwall Diocese. We thank these members for accepting the call to serve the League and share their expertise and talents. Please refer to the Executive Handbook (page 31) for diocesan responsibilities regarding Life Members.

World Day of Climate Action - September 20th

Since our theme is "*Care for Our Common Home*", at the convention, workshops provided great ideas for practical action. Some suggestions for councils and individuals to consider on that day and throughout the year include:

- Do a fall clean-up of a park, roadside or neighbourhood
- Plant a tree
- Grow your own vegetables
- Use reusable, rather than single-use items
- Bring your own shopping bag, refillable water container, mesh bags for produce

- Be an ethical consumer (How was it made? What materials were used?)
- In a consumer society, live simply, do I “need” or “want”?
- Evaluate your home’s garbage and food waste (How can we do better?)
- Use the car less, walk, bike, car pool, use public transit
- Talk to a politician about climate change concerns
- Catholic social justice is grounded in spirituality, involving prayer and fasting
- One day a week, go without meat and eat a plant-based diet
- Pray for our planet’s climate and the people impacted by climate change

Membership

Did you know that Ontario has a larger membership than all the other provinces combined? Imagine if each member in Ontario brought in just one new member. What a difference that would make!

For the 100th Anniversary of the organization of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could bring the membership back to 100 thousand, again? Invite a friend, neighbour, daughter, granddaughter or godchild. Give them the opportunity to find out what a great organization the League is!

Recruit Members and Maintain Membership (Executive Handbook)

- ***Promote the League in order to recruit new members***
- ***Conduct membership campaigns***
- ***Be aware that per capita fees are due and payable on Jan 1 of each year***
- ***In consultation with the treasurer, ensure that per capita fees are remitted promptly to national office***
- ***Identify the needs of current members and those of the women of the parish and plan programs to meet those needs***
- ***Hold a “Reception of New Members Ceremony” as outlined in the “Handbook for Spiritual Advisors” and the “Ceremonies Booklet”.***

The information in this directive should be shared with your parish counterparts. Please do not simply forward it, but rewrite the information in your own words. Also, I appreciate receiving copies of the directives/communiqués you send out.

I look forward to working together and learning from each other over the next two years.

“All blessings come to us through our Lord”

St. Teresa of Avila

Your Sister in Christ,

Linda

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