



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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TO: All Diocesan Treasurers
FROM: Marie-Theresa Lamphier, Ontario Provincial Treasurer
CC: All OPC Executive, Diocesan Presidents, National Secretary-Treasurer, Bishop Thomas Dowd and Patricia Rivest, Sub Committee Chair.

Directive # 1

My dear sisters in the League,

I consider myself so blessed to have been elected, just last month, as the Provincial Treasurer for another two years! I look forward to working with you and getting to know you. For those of you who do not know me, you can find a brief bio at <https://cwl.on.ca/executive-profile/>

Our new Provincial President, Linda Squarzolo, has chosen the theme "**Go Make a Difference!**". This theme is also supported by a catchy little tune, by Steve Angrisano and is available on YouTube for your listening pleasure.

Linda has tasked us to take on a project that would make a meaningful difference...This could be a time to educate members in a special way by developing and presenting workshops. This project could also incorporate a social justice cause such as homelessness, long-term care, loneliness etc and making a contributing and/or offering support. Perhaps we could take on an increase in membership by inviting friends, and relatives to our meetings and asking them to join! Please let me know your ideas on how we can make a difference...I would love to hear from you!

Speaking of **memberships**, I am sure you have heard that the national per capita fee of \$12 increase was approved effective with the 2023 dues. Although this does not appear to be the most popular decision, it is a done deal and we highly recommend that you keep a positive attitude in presenting it forward. The latest communique from our national counterpart, Marie Rackley, highlights again the reason for the change and some ideas to cover the costs for members that are struggling with this increase. Her communique can be found at <https://cwl.ca/communique-5-secretary-treasurer/>

Together let us show our love and support for the League! **We are Catholic and Living it!**

Bernard Bishop F. Pappin Bursary Fund: Your continued support of the Bernard Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund is to be congratulated, as councils continue to send in their cheques. Donations should come to me with the cheque made payable to the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You should note Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary in the memo line. Please continue to promote donations to this fund to assist our seminarians and encourage more young men to the priesthood.

You will begin to hear more about the changes that will take place in the coming year, one being the change of the standing committees to align with our core values of faith, service and social justice. As an active member we are all involved in this change...Watch for more news to come!

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