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Organization Standing Committee

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To: Diocesan Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons
Ontario Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, Most Rev. Bishop Dowd

cc: National Organization Standing Committee Chairperson

Sub-Committee: not applicable

Enclosure: Promotion from Shari Guinta Heart to Heart Webinars
Poster for prayer service for 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis



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DIFFERENCE!**

Philippians 4 4-9 *JOY AND PEACE Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Annual Reports

In this time of annual reporting, there is often anxiousness and worry. I just want to encourage all of you to be grateful for the good works shared through these annual reports. Really, it is a test of your memory of the past year and what was undertaken by your provincial, diocesan, or parish council. The Good News is God is good all the time, all the time God is good!! And there are no wrong answers. A test you can never fail... thank you for your time and effort in preserving history for the generations to come.

If you have not yet forwarded your reports, I need to receive them by Friday so I can meet my deadline to forward on to the OPC executive for their reporting deadline of March 31. If you have some of the reports, please go ahead and send those to me. Please indicate in your email either which reports are included, or which remain outstanding (choose whichever list is shorter ☺).

Finally, I would like to arrange a meeting for 8 pm EDST Wednesday March 15, 2023, please send me confirmation of your availability when you read this directive. Part of the meeting will be a debrief on the good, the bad and the ugly of this year's reporting process so we can improve for next year.

Special Project – Gathering our Stories

Please consider sending a short story (a paragraph) telling your invitation story and encourage others to do the same. No names needed, as they will be used without names attached. Who invited you to CWL? Why did you say yes? What was the result?

Here is my example:

A parishioner invited me to join the CWL. I blinked and said honestly, I don't know why I am not a member, my mother always was... and I joined...

I am forever grateful for the sisterhood this woman, who I didn't even know, called me to. What a ride!!! And it isn't over yet! (Looking forward to reading your stories!)

Heart to Heart Webinars

Please promote the attached memo promoting a webinar series the Implementation Committee has created for all members. All are invited!! These look like what I have heard many asking for, introduction to some of the resources being offered through the working groups. Please spread the word about these.

Elections

For those preparing for elections at the upcoming diocesan conventions, here are a few hints to being prepared:

1. Review the election procedures in the National Manual of Policy and Procedure page 107 to 109.
2. Only parish presidents or a duly appointed proxy may vote during the diocesan election process based on an instructed vote. Be sure to inform your Presidents of this fact in advance along with the need for an instructed vote from parish presidents and encourage a proxy vote if they cannot attend themselves.
3. In advance of your diocesan convention, the President shall appoint a member, who is not a candidate for office, to be secretary of the elections. Ask the President to be prepared to appoint someone else should the original appointee not be available to attend the convention.
4. Prepare in advance of the convention, although it remains confidential until the convention, the complete list of offices with the candidates for each. When the complete list is displayed at the diocesan convention, the chairperson of elections (the chair of the nominations committee) should be prepared to introduce all the candidates.
5. Consider having the ability to play quiet, reflective music during the distribution and counting of ballots to keep the election respectful.
6. If you have positions with a single candidate, you must still have a motion to accept their appointment to the position by acclamation.
7. Provide a sample script for the President, and Chair of the Elections to use with options for a successful ballot, spoiled ballot or need for a further ballot. Having one script for each position would allow marking of the form for actual progress of election and the ability to start from a clean page each time.

In case you haven't heard

Join your sisters in spiritual prayer for our beloved Pope Francis on the 10th anniversary of his election to Pope. March 13 at 2 pm. (poster attached)

Upcoming Development Zooms (all at 8 pm EDST)

March 22 (note change in date) – Spring into Leadership! Recognize your style!

April 19 – Why did God give us personality & free will? (Special guest Bishop Dowd)

May 17 – Public speaking, not me!! Yes you!!

Looking for ideas for the June 14 zoom and for new offering of zooms for 2023-2024.

Until next time

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