



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: November 30, 2024
FROM: Fran Lucas, National Past President
TO: Provincial Past Presidents
THROUGH: Provincial Presidents and Secretaries
CC: National Executive (for information)
National Life Member Liaison
ENCL: Pastoral Letter of Good Standing

In a September 15th [memo](#), I advised of a revision to the [National Manual of Policy and Procedure](#) regarding a new requirement in the nominations and elections process. This new requirement, a requirement to file a pastoral letter of good standing, comes into effect immediately. There is no grandfather clause, and the requirement applies to elections for all levels, i.e., parish, diocesan, provincial and national levels.

To simplify the procedure and keep it consistent, a standard form has been developed. Enclosed is the [Pastoral Letter of Good Standing](#) form for nominations and elections committees to use. The form is also available on the national [website](#).

Suggested Procedure:

1. The member allowing her name to stand for election submits the completed form to the nomination and elections committee.
2. The committee reviews the form. It may choose to document having received the completed form by way of a checklist to indicate receipt.
3. The completed form is then returned to the member for safekeeping.

Please ensure this information is forwarded to your diocesan counterparts now, as election committees will likely be at work already.

As Advent begins December 1st, I encourage you to keep your League work to a minimum during that time so you may truly use these days to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus.

May your Christmas be filled with gratitude for the many blessings we have been granted, and may you be surrounded by true peace and joy!