

President Annual Survey - 2020

ID. Council Code (e.g. AC-056)
name

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As parish council president, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective. The survey is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the survey. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Several questions which relate to each sub-heading make it clear and easy to complete. Please note that not all questions apply to your parish goals for the year. Answering a "yes" or "no" simply gives evidence to you and other levels of what you are doing. It may also be an impetus to try something new.

You will see questions to "skip" if you do not have a standing committee chairperson for the position. The intent of this question is to determine what personal growth you had. We absolutely want to hear if your council was still able to make progress related to that question. You can identify the work accomplished by the council in question near the end of the survey where it asks to share any other activities of this position not yet reported.

For 2020, the open questions are limited to a response of no more than 300 characters. Please be succinct in your responses to these questions.

Thank you for completing this form, It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what interests your members.

Anne-Marie Gorman, National President

About You

Q1 Parish Council Name:

Q2 Parish Council Registered Town:

Q3 Parish Council ID number:

Q4 Is your council in an amalgamated parish?

yes

no

Q5 If so, in what year and how many former parishes combined?

Q6 Reporting to:

Q7 What is your name?

Q8 Is this position filled or vacant?

Filled

Vacant

Leadership Profile

As the implementation committee begins its research into leadership in the League, your input into the profile of leadership is important. We invite you to answer the following three questions. (Note: Responses are voluntary.)

Q9 How long have you been a member?

Less than 5 years

6-10 years

11-15 years

16-20 years

21-25 years

more than 25 years

Q10 Have you held this position previously?

yes

no

Q11 What is your age?

under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75-84

85+

Inform the Membership

The president shall inform the membership of the position of the League on current issues and priorities and programs.

Q12 Where do you get information from which to inform your members?

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> local newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> diocesan newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> national website | <input type="checkbox"/> parish bulletins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> national communiques | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Canadian League</i> magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops | <input type="checkbox"/> Google searches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Organization for Life and Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> provincial websites or newsletters | |

Other, please specify other information used:

Q13 What current national priorities have been introduced to and discussed or acted upon by your council this year?

- Care for Our Common Home
- rights of the pre-born under the UN *Convention on the Rights of the Child*
- Canada's support for the *Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*
- establishing standards of testing and labelling for products deemed "flushable"
- excluding medical assistance in dying from palliative care/hospice facilities
- none of the above

Q14 What methods did you use to introduce these topics?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> arranged for a speaker on the topic | <input type="checkbox"/> wrote about the topic in a newsletter/bulletin/e-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> engaged the standing committee chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> none of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> discussed the topic at a meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable |

Foster Open Communication

The president shall foster open communication with the spiritual advisor on all League matters.

Q15 How frequently do you meet with your spiritual advisor?

weekly

rarely

monthly

never

annually

Q16 Would you say your spiritual advisor is supportive of the CWL?

yes

no

Q17 What reasons do you feel prevent your spiritual advisor from being present?

serving a number of parties

lack of tradition of having the advisor at meetings

other duties (such as with the diocese) outside the parish

travelling long distances to the meetings

health

other:

Other, please list what prevents the spiritual advisor's participation:

Preside at Meetings

The president shall preside at all meetings and conventions of the council concerned.

Q18 What resources do you use to preside at meetings?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Constitution & Bylaws</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Parliamentary Procedure</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> council policy and procedure manual | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Executive Handbook</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>National Manual of Policy and Procedure</i> | |

Other, please specify what other resources are used at meetings:

Signing Authority

The president shall be a signing officer for all official documents.

Q19 What types of documents have you signed on behalf of your council?

banking documents

cheques

letters directed within the CWL

letters directed outside of the CWL

petitions

none of the above

Provide Active Leadership

Q20 At which events did you represent your council?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> anniversaries | <input type="checkbox"/> sacramental events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> church functions | <input type="checkbox"/> regional meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community events | <input type="checkbox"/> diocesan meetings and conventions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community fundraisers | <input type="checkbox"/> provincial meetings and conventions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> national convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fundraising events and dinners | <input type="checkbox"/> Remembrance Day services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> meetings with politicians | <input type="checkbox"/> World Day of Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pro-life events | <input type="checkbox"/> special masses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> I haven't attended any events. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> retreats | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> school ceremonies | |

Other, please specify the other events:

Q21 Did your council subsidize your cost to attend these events and, if so, by how much?

	100% paid	50% paid	25% paid	0% paid
conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
fundraising dinners and events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
workshops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
diocesan convention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provincial convention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
national convention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Initiate Policy

The president shall initiate policy in consultation with the officers of the council concerned.

Q22 Does your council have a parish policy manual?

yes

no

Q23 If no, would it be helpful to have one?

yes

no

Q24 Would you need assistance in developing a parish policy manual?

yes

no

Q25 Did your council develop new policies this year?

yes

no

Q26 Please describe the new policies in two to three words.

Keep Informed

The president shall keep fully informed on the operation of the League and report annually to the membership.

Q27 Have you read the *Executive Handbook* and understand the duties of your executive team?

yes

no

Q28 If yes, has the *Executive Handbook* assisted you in the responsibility of overseeing the operations of your council?

yes

no

Q29 If the *Executive Handbook* has not helped, what were you looking for but could not find?

Q30 Do you provide an annual summary of the council's activities to all members?

yes

no

Q31 By what method? Choose all that apply.

e-mail

newsletter

oral report

parish bulletin

written report

none of the above

Advisory Capacity

The president shall be an advisory member of all committees except the nominations and elections committee.

Q32 What committees, other than standing committees, does your council have?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> annual events such as teas, bazaars, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> policy | <input type="checkbox"/> fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scholarship or bursary | <input type="checkbox"/> funeral lunches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> social events | <input type="checkbox"/> none |
| <input type="checkbox"/> catering | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> donations | |

Other, please specify in two to three words what other committees your council has.

Official Spokesperson

The president shall be the official spokesperson for her council.

Q33 On what issues have you spoken on behalf of your council this year?

Q34 Does your council use League letterhead when corresponding?

yes

no

Q35 Do you reference only the membership total for your council when doing so?

yes

not applicable.

no

Summary

Q36 Who provided the greatest assistance to you when you assumed the role of president?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> immediate past president | <input type="checkbox"/> current executive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> former past presidents | <input type="checkbox"/> diocesan president |
| <input type="checkbox"/> life member | <input type="checkbox"/> provincial president |
| <input type="checkbox"/> secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> my personal mentor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> other |

Q37 What were the greatest challenges you faced in transitioning into the role of president? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> feeling overwhelmed | <input type="checkbox"/> technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> feeling undertrained | <input type="checkbox"/> trying to please everyone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not having a full slate of officers | <input type="checkbox"/> keeping members interested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> resistance to new ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> member conflict |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finding the time | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of confidence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> amount of paperwork | <input type="checkbox"/> delegation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> member criticism | <input type="checkbox"/> recruiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> running meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> tedious policies and procedures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> organizational skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> meeting expectations | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> inexperience | |

Other, please describe in two to three words the greatest challenges you face.

Q38 Do you find it beneficial to have a national theme and/or logo through which you can focus your council activities?

- yes no

Q39 Do you like the change of theme with each new national president?



Q40 How many years should there be between theme changes? Please insert a number.

Q41 List the top two or three things about which you are most proud in your council.

Q42 What was your biggest challenge as president and how do you intend to address it?

Q43 List the greatest challenge(s) in completing the survey, if applicable.

Thank you for taking this survey. Your input helps the board to understand the priorities of councils for future planning.

Before pressing the "submit" button, please "print" the survey responses for your records.

To "print", ensure that pop-ups are enabled. If you are unsure how to enable pop-ups, please contact Marion at national office for assistance.

WARNING: Once "submit" has been pressed, the "print" function is no longer available.