



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

**DATE:** September 24, 2021

**FROM:** Fran Lucas, national president

**TO:** Parish council presidents

**CC:** Diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (on request)

As this is my first parish mailing as national president to parish council presidents, I send you my warmest wishes as you begin your work this fall. May it be filled with excitement, faithfulness and the knowledge of how valuable your council's work is. As the *Constitution & Bylaws*, Part X11, Section 1 states, "The president, as the chief officer, shall: (a) inform the membership of the position of the League on current issues and priorities and new programs." With that in mind, among your other duties, you can lead members by sharing important League information with them and keeping them well informed on League positions. The Executive Orientation program created by the provincial presidents-elect and released on June 14<sup>th</sup> is a great way to start the new term—refer to it throughout the year.

The information in this parish mailing package is vital to all your executive. Share the contents with each executive member respectively and ensure they are familiar with the contents of all memos, so they are fully aware of the most current messages. The national standing committee chairpersons have worked hard on sharing the latest information via their communiques. Please visit the national website today and regularly to stay up-to-date, and of course, encourage your executive members to do so as well.

The work of the strategic plan has resulted in many resources now being available to you and your members. Please check them out at Resources, 600 Series: Manuals. In addition, the presentation of the strategic plan update called *The League of the Future—Year 3* was given in August at the national annual meeting of members and is available on the national website.

Remember, all these resources are meant to make your job easier and keep members informed of League positions, priorities and programs.

COVID-19 has changed so many things over the past 18 months. As a League, members are all praying for a return to a degree of normalcy that will allow them to return to their many good works and start new ones. Effective January 2022, the new national theme will be *Catholic and Living It!* Included in this mailing is my prayer card to go with the theme. Sufficient copies have been sent for each member of your council. I hope members will pray the prayer often, at home and in meetings, and derive inspiration from it. Through this theme, members look to find ways to make the League stronger and united like never before! Watch for further details in the New Year.

Thank you for all you do for the League. May the fruits of your many labours continue to be guided by Our Lady of Good Counsel.