



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: October 3, 2022
FROM: Marie Rackley, national secretary-treasurer
TO: Parish Treasurers
CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (on request)

My dear sisters in the League,

Summer has come and gone and the beautiful colours of fall are upon us. Welcome back to another League year. Although restrictions have been lifted in most provinces, COVID-19 is still with us, so remember to keep safe.

I would like to welcome the new parish council treasurers who have agreed to serve their councils for a two-year term. Whether you were elected or appointed to the position, thank you for accepting. There is lots of news to pass on to your councils.

At the 102nd annual national convention held in Kelowna in August, the national per capita fee increase of \$12.00 was approved. This increase becomes effective with the 2023 membership dues collection. Please send your cheques with the new national increase of \$25.00 plus the required provincial and diocesan per capita fees to national office by February 28, 2023.

We must remember that every member was given an opportunity to vote on this proposal. The parish councils conducted the votes of the membership and sent the results to diocesan level. The votes proceeded through diocesan, provincial and national levels to arrive at the grand total of councils that voted for or against the increase.

Please remind your membership that the League has given them a voice in the church, with the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, with the federal government through resolutions, in the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, and to express their concerns in developing countries.

On August 24, 2022, my communique #5 was sent out to provincial and diocesan presidents and secretaries to be circulated to parish council presidents and secretaries with information on the increase in national per capita fee; it included ideas to share with the membership. If you have not received this communique, please don't hesitate to request a copy from national office.

Over the next two years as the next sets of elections occur, there will be changes to the executive of the parish, diocesan, provincial and national levels. While the treasurer's position will remain the same on parish, diocesan and provincial levels, it will change at the national level. The secretary-treasurer position will become responsible for communications to councils as well.

A new *Guidelines for Treasurers* information booklet will be released in the next few months. Please make sure that you request a copy once it is available.

I ask that parish councils work together to help with the increased cost of membership by supporting one another. There are times when we must think of ourselves first in order for us to help others. The League needs us, and we need the League.

Let's remember the good we have done "For God and Canada" over the past 102 years. We are dedicated to serving God's people. As we start another year together, I pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel blesses each of you and your family as we walk together in faith. We are *Catholic and Living It!*

Marie