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To: Parish Past Presidents / Historians
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“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you”
Philippians 4:9

I want to issue a warm welcome to all new past presidents and wish them well in their new roles as advisors and mentors. I know you are up for the challenge of being the face of the league for the parish. You have had a successful 2 years as president. This is the next step to your growth in the league and your commitment to God and Canada. *The National Manual of Policy and Procedure* is an essential resource for you. Refamiliarize yourself with it. It will play a big role in your time as counsel to the new president.

The *Constitution & Bylaws* are also a great resource. You should have received in your boxes from the former past president several workshops that will help you integrate the *C&B* into a meeting. It is fun and informative. If you have not received these workshops please let me know and I can send them to you.

Encourage your council to celebrate your elections with a prayerful installation of officers. Involve the parish; have it done at a Sunday mass. There are several celebrations in the ceremonies booklet available on the national website www.cwl.ca.

Keeping the council history up to date can be a very daunting job. Ask for help. Perhaps other members have pictures they want to share. Have a scrapbooking afternoon to get them all together. It is time well spent. It makes it fun. Be sure to label the pictures with names and dates. These picture albums and scrapbooks will bring joy to members for many years to come. Make them special.

Many councils will be having their membership drives soon. Be there, be visible. You are the face of league the parish knows. Encourage all members to participate in the membership drive. It is another opportunity to put our faith in action.

Our biggest role is to be supportive and encouraging by being a mentor for all.

“Here I am Lord”

Yours in service to God and Canada,

Colleen Randall
Ottawa Diocesan Past President