

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

OTTAWA DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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COMMUNIQUÉ # 3

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TO: PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

FROM: HEATHER SISK, DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

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*In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.  
Proverbs 16:9*

Well, here it is a brand new year! It is so hard to believe that 2011 is history and we are looking forward to exciting new happenings in 2012. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us and bless us as we go about our League work for God and Canada.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any new Presidents. I know quite a few councils had elections this fall. Remember your time as a Parish Council President is a great opportunity to learn more about the League and is a great stepping stone to moving up the ladder. Your Diocesan Officers are here to help you and mentor you. Don't be afraid to ask. For any councils who did have elections, please forward a complete list of your new executive to Sharon St. Jean, Diocesan Organization Chair, as soon as possible.

**COPIES OF COMMUNIQUÉS**

I need to bring to your attention that the Diocesan Officers will no longer be distributing hard copies of their Communiqués at meetings. They will be distributed electronically several days prior to the meetings. If you are a council president who does not have access to a computer, we are asking you to provide an e-mail address for someone on your council who would be willing to receive and distribute the Communiqués. We have taken this step to try to get our photocopying and postage expenses under control. We are trying to be good stewards with your finances as well as to the environment. We will, therefore, no longer be sending out packages to councils who do not attend meetings.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND**

The Leadership Development Fund Committee has met on several occasions and I am hopeful we will be able to present the finished product to you, complete with guidelines and application forms at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The committee members have been diligent and have worked hard on your behalf in order to get this fund up and running and to ensure that it will be administered fairly and equitably.

## **DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

**Plans are in the works for our Diocesan Convention which will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at St. Patrick's Parish, Fallowfield. We wish to thank their council for stepping forward to host this event and look forward to once again being the recipients of their warm hospitality. We will not be selling CWL supplies at this year's convention, so if any of you were waiting until then to pick something up I suggest you go ahead and order it directly from National. We hope to have a Silent Auction at Convention this year which will be something new. If anyone has anything to donate towards this just let us know. More information and registration forms should be sent out by mid February.**

## **PROVINCIAL MEETING**

**I will be attending the Provincial Meeting in Toronto from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and I know I'll come back from there with oodles of information which I will pass on in my next Communiqué.**

**I'm looking forward to working with all of you over the next year and a half.**

**God bless.**

*Heather*

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