



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: December 9, 2020
FROM: Anne-Marie Gorman, national president
TO: Parish council presidents
CC: Diocesan and provincial presidents

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart (Luke 18.1)

My Dear Sisters in the League,

Enclosed is a package of material that will require your very capable consideration, attention and vote. You are the League and every decision related to the membership must come from you. It is both a huge responsibility and a privilege. You are the heartbeat of this national organization that has sustained itself through good times and bad times. Every so often, we call upon you to make decisions which set new direction or update previous decisions. Because it happens so seldom, you may feel somewhat overwhelmed.

Do not fear. Direction is included in this package to ensure you will be able to complete the process of the instructed vote in your parish. You will be given direction as to assembling of your members, how to take the vote, how to complete the paperwork and how to move forward.

The package which you now possess is the culmination of hundreds of hours of work by your sisters across the country. The research and resulting decisions have formed the amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws* (2013) you have before you, as well as action on a request for a per capita fee increase, the first requested since 2012. Details have been sent as to how to conduct the vote for the two separate parts. However, if you have any difficulty understanding how to fulfill this obligation, please consult your own past president, or the diocesan or provincial past president for assistance.

I am confident that you, my dear sisters, will prayerfully discern the action represented in these pages. May Our Lady intercede for you and the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts.

Know that I keep all of you daily in my prayers as we look to the next hundred years of faith, service and social justice for our dear church and Canada. God bless all of you.

Anne