

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League
Fall Meeting Report October 30, 2021
Joan Lemay, President

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)***

I once more want to talk about the motions for the instructed vote that every parish council should be acting upon by their March meeting. Councils are to conduct the vote at any upcoming face to face council meeting to which due notice has been given. The council records the voting results and sends a copy to National office, and a copy to Donna Provost, Diocesan Administrative Assistant. The Parish President or her designate must then bring the third copy to the Diocesan Annual Meeting on May 14th where the vote will be recorded.

I have previously encouraged members to read the reports from Janet McLean, National Treasurer 2018-2021, in the Canadian League Magazines Winter 2020, Winter 2021 and Spring 2021. They are most helpful in making an informed decision about the Per Capita Fee Increase motion. And just hot off the press is Communique #2 from Past President, Anne Marie Gorman and Communique #3 from Treasurer Marie Rackley, which are available on the cwl.ca website. We are in a tight spot when considering this increase. Our membership, and thus the income, is dropping and without the fee increase the CWL will face insolvency within a few years. With this fee increase we may lose members, but we can work at building back up the membership, and continue the work of the CWL. If you subscribe to the Catholic Register, you will have received the insert celebrating the CWL's 100th Anniversary. The history and the accomplishments of the CWL since its inception, is an amazing story of faith in action. The CWL continues today to live our gospel values, and be an important voice for social justice. I encourage you to support this motion.

We are finishing the third year of the theme Care for Our Common Home. By divine providence, and the pandemic, it became a three-year theme, which underscores its importance. Starting in January we will be moving on to the new theme under Fran Lucas' leadership as national president - "Catholic and Living It". Adopting a new theme doesn't mean we forget about the old theme. We must now go forward with the lessons and resolutions that we learned under Care of Our Common Home.

The new theme prayer was sent to parish presidents in the fall mailout from National. There is a copy of the prayer for each member of the CWL. The winter 2022 edition of The Canadian League magazine will elaborate on the theme. In the meantime, think about what this theme means to you and what activities you envision working at under the theme.