

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League
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“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

We have a lot to talk, pray and discern about the future of CWL in this coming year, so that we can make informed decisions on the instructed votes in 2022. We have been blessed to have a year to work through this. Hopefully by the fall of 2021, we will be able to meet face to face in our parish councils and diocesan council and by March or April 2022 we will be prepared to cast our votes, which will be brought to the Diocesan Annual Meeting on May 28, 2022.

To begin with, let us review the objects of the Catholic Womens' League, that have led us over the past 100 years. They can be found on cwl.ca/manual of policies and procedures, (pg. 13), and in the Constitution and Bylaws, (pg. 2-3).

They are:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to promote sanctity of life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

These objects are as current today as they were in 1920. Articles in *The League* magazine over this past year have highlighted the rich productive history of the CWL and the strategic plan outlines how our organization will work to carry our voice and influence through the twenty-first century. I encourage you to read, or re-read National President, Anna-Marie Gorman's message in *The Canadian League*, winter 2021 edition. And let us each ask ourself, how can I help the Catholic Women's League of Canada to “fulfill (God's) great law of charity”? (from the League Prayer.)