

**Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
Spring Meeting, Mar 4, 2023, Oral Report
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A Life Member is one who was a Diocesan President serving a two-year term and spent six years or more on the Diocesan council. Life Members pay their membership fees to their own parish council. Many members in the CWL have been members for life when they joined at 16 years or earlier but that does not make them a Life Member automatically. I find the term Life Member confusing to all.

Since the term Life Member was initiated years ago, we have 22 members. Twelve are deceased. One member, Donna Shaddick, has moved to the Toronto area. Of the remaining nine, six are actively serving on the Diocesan council.

Life Members act as mentors to new members, members taking on an executive position for the first time or offer their service to the National council as requested.

As Life Members come from all parts of the vast area of Pembroke Diocese, it is a challenge to meet during the year. COVID has put a damper on meeting also.

This year we will try to make a difference.