



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Archdiocese of Edmonton

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, PRAY FOR US

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PAST PRESIDENT COMMUNIQUÉ

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To: Council Past Presidents
Council Presidents
Zone Chairpersons

Dear Sisters in The League,

The role of Past-President is not one of a retiree; rather, our work is not completed until our president has completed her term.

As we refer to the Constitution and Bylaws we see that we are to *serve in a consultative capacity* to the council and its executive. 'Consult' does not mean making sure everything is done exactly the same way we did it. It means giving guidance so that the new executive can use their own gifts in the League.

We are *responsible for archives and history*. We know this generally but until we come to this point in our service to the League as Past President, we do not pay as close attention to what this entails. I have enclosed a page of guidelines to help us in this role.

At the Diocesan Level the Past President is also responsible to undertake the review of the Diocesan Council Policies and Procedures:

18. Policy Review

- a. *The Policies of the Edmonton Diocesan Council shall be reviewed at least every four years, during the first year following the election of Officers.*
- b. *The President shall appoint a Policy Review Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the President, the Chairperson of Organization, and additional members who have acquired experience with the policies of the League.*
- c. *The Policy Review Committee will meet and then make recommendations to the Diocesan Officers.*
- d. *At the Diocesan Mid-Winter Meeting, a draft will be distributed to councils for input.*
- e. *Comments must be sent in writing to the Diocesan President (or designate(s)) within six weeks after the Mid-Winter Meeting.*

- f. *The final draft of the revised Policies of The Edmonton Diocesan Council will be voted on by the Diocesan Executive at the Pre-Convention Meeting.*

June Fuller, President has appointed me to begin the process of gathering information for the Policy Review. I am requesting your assistance. It is possible that, as you have worked as a parish council and attended Diocesan meetings, you have thought that some of the Diocesan Policies need to be clarified. A copy of the 2006 Policies is included in this mail out for you and your council to review. Highlight areas that are unclear or that you think may need to be updated. Bring these to the Fall Meeting so that we can gather your ideas and review them in the committee that is set up to review these policies.

I encourage you to continue to share your good ideas with the Diocesan Council. We appreciate the service you give to the League at the Parish level. If there is any way I can help you, I am at your service.

For God and Canada,

Cathy Bouchard

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CWL Mission Statement:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organisation rooted in Gospel cause, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

CWL Motto: For God and Canada

CWL History:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is the largest national organization of women in Canada. The first CWL met in Edmonton in 1912 and the League was established nationally in 1920.