



**Timmins Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Diocesan President**



Care for our Common Home

Directive #1

October 23, 2019

To:	Parish Presidents (8)
From:	Annette Kelly
cc:	OPC President, Colleen Perry; Diocesan Executive members; Spiritual Advisor and Life Member Liaison

I am forwarding a request from the **Strategic Planning – Affirmation Working Group**:

Ladies, we need your help and input!!

Your Strategic Planning Affirmation Working Group is seeking information from Parish Councils to identify “Best Practices” and “Engaged Membership”.

We ask you (Parish Presidents) to reply to the following four questions. PLEASE give as much detail as possible. Your responses will be compiled by this Working Group, and we will contact and/or visit Councils to get more information.

1. *Does your Council have an established Welcoming Program for new members? Please give details.*
2. *Does your Council have regular contact with members? In what way do you contact your members?*
3. *Does your Council have an established program to recognize members? Please give details.*
4. *What is your total membership?*

How many attend meetings?

How many attend events?

Please forward your responses to: info@cwl.ca. If you have any questions please contact: info@cwl.ca

Deadline Date: Friday, November 22, 2019 - Your input will help shape the League of the future.

The following comes from National Office as well:

General Liability Insurance

In recent years, the national treasury covered the cost of the parish liability insurance for all parish councils. Effective with the 2020 per capita fee collection, the cost is \$0.50 per member. This premium will now be in addition to your per capita fees. The following is an explanation of how the insurance premium will be collected:

Online membership renewals: The insurance will be calculated automatically as part of membership payments made on the online system. On the final page of the list of members and fees being paid, there will be a sub-total showing the total amount of fees, then an amount for insurance (which will be \$.50 per member so if, for example, ten membership fees are being sent it will show a total of \$5 due for insurance), then an amount showing the total payment due to CWL of Canada adding the sub-total and insurance amounts together.

Manual membership renewals: On the parish council remittance form for those who send their membership renewals on paper, there will be another line after the line which shows the total per capital fee remittance amount. The line will have: Insurance _____ x \$.50 = \$_____ and the membership coordinator will put in the number of members that are included in the remittance (e.g. 10) and will fill in the amount of \$5.00.

For councils who pay by EFT, the amount due for the memberships being renewed plus the amount for the insurance, will be automatically withdrawn.

I hope this clarifies how the insurance premiums will be collected. Should there be any further questions or concerns please let me know.

From National (regarding membership survey): A sign-up sheet was circulated during the national convention in Calgary, and a number of members agreed to take part in the survey. It is hoped this list may be supplemented by a larger cohort. I include for your information all the information you require to forward to your membership as supplied by the working group lead, Lisa Henry. Please see below:

*"We hope to create a sense of urgency to ensure there is comprehensive participation/representation from members across the country. **The request would be for members to sign up and take the survey before November 17.***

The members may do so by following these instructions:

- 1) Go to the National website at: www.cwl.ca
- 2) Scroll down to "Quick Links" section of the CWL Home page
- 3) Click on "**Implementation of the Strategic Plan**"
- 4) Scroll down to: "*NEW* (September 3, 2019) Click here to request to sign up and participate in surveys!"

Here is a direct link to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan page in case that works better for some members: <https://cwl.ca/implementation-of-the-strategic-plan/>

Please participate wherever possible and **share** with as **many members** as you can.

Blessings, Annette Kelly, Timmins Diocesan President