

Timmins Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
**Communication Standing Committee**

**Directive #3**

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**To:** Parish Communication Chairpersons, Parish Presidents, Standing Committee Chairpersons

**From:** Marie Black, Timmins Diocesan Communication Standing Committee Chairperson

**cc:** Provincial Communication Standing Committee Chairperson, Marie-Theresa Lamphier and Timmins Diocesan President, Audrey Shelton

Hello, CWL sisters.

I recently sent information to parish presidents on the **Call to Conscience Campaign**. Bishop Poitras also sent information on **"Sign-up Sunday"** and some parishes have already acted on it. As well, parish presidents received direction on how to access an **online interview** related to this topic. The latter was initially brought to the attention of the National Executive who then notified provincial and so on down to the parishes. Shirley Gravel put the info and the link on the website [www.timminsdiocesancatholicwomensleague.ca](http://www.timminsdiocesancatholicwomensleague.ca). This is a very important issue for our healthcare providers, so hopefully our actions prove to be beneficial.

Please encourage members to visit the diocesan website where they can read directives, prayers, etc.

The online February Ontario Provincial Newsletter features the Diocese of Peterborough and the Ontario Provincial Council Christian Family Life Chairperson, Linda Squarzolo. It contains interesting testimonials by members on why they belong to the CWL and how the CWL has affected their lives.

The March newsletter will feature the London Diocese and the provincial treasurer.

As mentioned in Directive #2, **our diocese** is scheduled for the **month of October**. It is not too early to set aside a photo of an event not previously

submitted and do a write-up. Then you will be prepared when I ask for submissions.

Here are some **newsletter guidelines** from provincial:

- include council title and location
- each article typed, not to exceed 100 words
- only one photo per article
- photo cropped and in jpg format
- diocese allowed 2 pages in total

I am confident that when you read the newsletters, you will get ideas on what can be included when it is our turn in October.

Hopefully, parish council members have signed up to receive these online provincial newsletters. Our Provincial President, Anne Madden, shares her thoughts. They inform us about activities in other dioceses. We get to meet members of the provincial executive. Also included, are special prayers, inspirational sayings and titles of books for recommended reading.

As requested before, at your earliest convenience, please send me the **names of those who received volunteer awards** eg. Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Life Member Award, Maple Leaf Award, etc. I will then send the names to Audrey Shelton and on to provincial. Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to receiving the names.

Audrey, our Diocesan President, looked at previous **annual report books** and suggested that I create **guidelines** to make the format of the reports more uniform. Therefore, in the next directive, which I will send out very soon, there will be guidelines for parish presidents' annual reports and diocesan committee chairpersons' annual reports. First, I will submit my suggestions to Audrey. Then with her approval, I will forward them to you. I am sure there will be comments or suggestions on how the guidelines can be improved and together we can make the adjustments.

Once again, I thank you for your attention to these items.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in our words and actions as we communicate with our League sisters and all those we meet.

Blessings to all.

Your CWL sister,

*Marie Black*

Timmins Diocesan Communication Chairperson