The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Antigonish Diocesan Council

Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission

TO: Parish Council Vice-Presidents
FROM: Diocesan Vice-President, Doreen Boudreau
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SUBJECT: Role of the Vice-President
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CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Life Members, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Sisters in the League:

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in electing me as your vice-president at Diocesan Level for the 2026-2028 term. I am now in training to be your next president. However, the vice-president is not only a "lady-in-waiting". True, we learn from the people who come before us; but this position is much more than that.

So, what role does the vice-president play in our parish councils? I would encourage all new vice-presidents to familiarize themselves with the vice-president's handbook which can be found on the National website at: https://www.cwl.ca/manuals/ #610.

Vice-President's Responsibilities

The duties of the vice-president are to:

- perform the duties of the president in her absence or inability to serve
- recruit members and maintain membership
- be responsible for League development and leadership training
- develop League resource material
- ensure that annual reports are completed
- oversee life membership

Each of these duties is very well explained in the manual. Over the course of the next two years, I plan on making this manual my bible.

My first order of business is to recruit new members; keeping our provincial president's goal in mind to have a net gain in membership of 2% during her term. This is my challenge and I am hoping that it is yours also.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. This is our mission. Let us share it with every woman we meet.

Your Sister in the League,
Doreen Boudreau, Diocesan Vice-President