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Antigonish Diocesan Council

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TO: Parish Council Treasurers
FROM: Diocesan Treasurer, Mary Myers
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SUBJECT: Budgets
MEMO: # 3 (2026-2028)
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Life Members, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Dear Sisters in the League:

In a little more than two short months, we will be submitting year end financial reports for 2026 to our councils and National. We will also be attempting to prepare an estimate of what our revenue and expenditures will be for next year.

Three quarters of 2026 is passed and by now we should have a pretty good picture of what our final revenues and expenses will look like. How much did we receive for our fundraisers, dues, etc.? Did we spend less on items than we thought we would? Did we spend more than we estimated on items? Were there any surprise expenses that would throw our estimates out the window? How does our overall financial wellbeing look when we compare it to the previous year?

Now is a good time to consider starting a budget for the year 2027 for your council. I would recommend using a simple format, with a column of descriptions for revenue and expenses and columns for the budget for 2026, what was spent to date in 2026, and what you expect to spend in 2027.

Some councils set up their list of commitments in their policies and procedures and use this list to do their budgets in a more simple way. Revenue would include any monies made on fundraisers, gatherings such as luncheons or banquets, donations, and dues or interest collected. Expenses would include any monies paid out on commitments, or costs the council has incurred for events, operations, travel, conventions, etc.

The preparation of a budget gives councils a sense of what they have, what they need, and how they will move forward in the upcoming year.

God Bless.

Your sister in the League,

Mary Myers