The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Antigonish Diocesan Council

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TO: Parish Council Treasurers
FROM: Diocesan Treasurer, Mary Myers
DATE: September 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Diocesan Voluntary Funds
MEMO: # 2 (2026-2028)
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Life Members, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Dear Sisters in the League:

This memo is to encourage all councils to support one or more of the organizations at the local diocesan level which are listed on our most recent Diocesan Voluntary Fund form. Any council donations are strictly voluntary.

There are three funds which are presently supported at the diocesan level.

- Antigonish Diocesan Society - donated to seminarians studying for the priesthood. At present, there is one seminarian (Deacon Joe MacMaster).

- Cape Breton University and St Francis Xavier University Bursary Programs. Father Doug MacDonald currently serves as Chaplain at Cape Breton University and Father Donald MacGillivray fills that role at St. Francis Xavier University.

- Mass for Shut-Ins - Televised Sunday Masses which are taped mainly at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church in Sydney. They are aired at 11:30 am on Sundays. Mass for Shut-ins has commenced its 64th year.

Other temporary funds may be adopted by motion for a designated cause for a specified length of time. Temporary Voluntary Funds shall be reviewed every three years for clarification on financial reports and feasibility of the continuation of the fund.

We ask that donations to these funds be made by the end of November each year so that the cheques disbursing the funds can be sent out prior to the end of the year. When remitting your donation, please include the Voluntary Fund Remittance Form (included with this memo), make your cheque payable to Antigonish Diocesan CWL, and send it to my attention as Treasurer. If you have any questions, please contact me.

All the recipient organizations express grateful thanks for the support we give them. Thank you all for your support of these organizations.

God Bless.
Your sister in the League,

Mary Myers
Att.