

Dear Sisters in the League and Father John Garden;

Even though it is now fall, hopefully you are still blessed with beautiful weather.

Welcome to new past presidents and welcome back to those in their second year.

As past presidents we are still on a journey as members of the Catholic Women's League. Have you set yourselves short term or long term goals to help you complete the tasks of past presidents? Are you continuing to mentor your president? Continue sharing how to find different resources on CWL website.

Archives

As past presidents it is our responsibility that parish councils tell their stories and retain them for future reference, this is especially important if parishes and councils have amalgamated and/or closed. Please ensure that your archives are maintained in a safe and accessible manner. Take the time to review Archive Guidelines for League history (#601) and check out the Archives brochure (#601.b) on the national website - under resources.

Encourage parish and diocesan councils to make up a history book so that their histories can be passed down. When history books are made they should be archived at all levels including sending them to national office.

Elections

Elections will soon be here and there is a revision to the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* (P&P) that will affect those holding elections in the months ahead.

On August 11th at the national executive/board meeting, a motion was adopted to revise the wording in the nomination procedure outlined on page 105, lines 8 through 12 of the P & P. the new wording is in bold below:

3. A written reply will be requested and if the member is willing to accept nomination, a brief resume of the League service and experience **shall be included as well as a letter of good standing from her pastor or spiritual advisor.** At the national level, any member allowing her name to stand for the office of president (in the case of a vacancy in the position of vice-president). Vice - President or Secretary - Treasurer shall submit with her resume a criminal records check for the purpose of volunteering with the non-vulnerable sector.

Consider having a session on how to run elections.

Thank you for ensuring your executive and nominations committee are aware of the change.

May our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to intercede for us as we proclaim *Here I am Lord, send me.*

Sharon Geiger
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