

Organization Report August 15/17

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We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and, are you ready to be inspired by the Spirit, and respond to God's call. Our Diocesan council is offering a new workshop on this very inspirational theme. Please talk to your councils and invite us to come out for a fun and faith filled day. We would love to help you strengthen and increase your membership. Please contact me or our president Marlene.

If you are the chairperson for organization in your parish, one of your duties is recruiting. If you haven't read the article in the spring 2017 League magazine, please take the time to read this article on page 8 and 9. You will be inspired. Some of the recruiting secrets that were shared are:

1. Personal invitations are crucial
2. Walk the talk and talk the walk- be the league woman others want to emulate. Talk about member's who accomplish great things in small ways within the League.
3. Encourage a sense of belonging as well as one-to-one and group friendship.
4. Stress the importance of your membership

Another duty of the organization chair is leadership development. We need to encourage members to step out of their comfort zone, in a loving, kind, and encouraging way. Your CWL sisters will be inspired by you as you take on a new position and grow in wisdom and confidence. Remember the golden rule to be kind and patient with your sisters in the league, and treat them as you would like to be treated. We have many varied and different talents, and together we can accomplish many great things for God.

The national office also has a realization, of the need, to develop leadership skills, so they developed the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation. As you may have heard previously, this project was developed through an endowment of one million dollars from the Sisters of Service. The foundation board realized that another 1.5 million needed to be raised, to form a Leadership program. The fundraising team now have raised more than 1 million dollars. But more dollars are needed. Please read the article in the centre fold of the Spring League magazine. We are invited as an individual or as a council to contribute in whatever amount you can afford to complete this CWL program. This program will be open to all Canadian Catholic women 21+ years of age, of all backgrounds and experiences. Participants will have an opportunity to explore:

1. Leadership for change in our communities
2. Organization and community strengthening
3. Conflict resolution
4. Media training and communication skills.

Led by Catholic educators, women will participate in a program that offers: A five-day residency, a year-long online component, a three day closing residency and retreat and ongoing mentorship and networking. Read more about this in our League magazine and it make sure you check the website often for new updates. The next magazine will be very exciting since it will cover many topics from the National Convention.

This concludes my report