

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



Antigonish Diocesan Council

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Here I am Lord, Send Me

TO: Parish Council Past Presidents  
FROM: Diocesan Past President, Julie LeLievre  
DATE: January 1, 2025  
SUBJECT: Elections  
MEMO: # 2 (2024-2026)  
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Dear Past President,

Thank you for all you do in your parish and community. You are a vital member of your council; you are the mentor members look to for your knowledge and support of the League.

As the past president, our role is to support, encourage and assist the president and other members of the executive. As a member of the executive, we continue to work together to promote the League and help our parish and members.

Some councils will have elections this year or even thinking ahead, for next year. As the past president your role is chairperson for the election process. It's time to think about the nomination process and encourage members to allow their name to stand for an executive position at the parish level.

With encouragement, support and kindness, let's reassure and inspire members that, with God's help, they are very capable to serve on the executive.

National CWL has adopted a new requirement, to the nominations and elections process. A pastoral letter of good standing is required for elections for all levels, (i.e., parish, diocesan, provincial and national levels), which is to be signed by the parish priest. To simplify the procedure, a standard form has been developed; "Pastoral Letter of Good Standing Form", which is available on the national website, [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) ... Resources ... Forms (#553)

The member allowing her name to stand for election submits the completed form to the nomination and elections committee, who will verify receipt, the form is then returned to the member.

There are many training workshops available on the national website: [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca). You can use these resources to help members embrace their role as part of the executive, or contact diocesan executive for assistance or to set up a workshop for your council.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us as we answer the call "*Here I am Lord, send me*"  
Your Sister in the League,

*Julie LeLievre*

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