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TO: Parish Organization Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Claudette Langdon, Diocesan Chairperson

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis

Our parish council recently finished our biggest fundraiser of the year, namely our annual bazaar. Throughout the preparations for this event, I was reminded of instances witnessing what it means to be women of faith doing God's work. Each lady shared her gifts, provided each other with support and friendship for a good cause - true example the CWL mission. "The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service."

Many of you are in the full swing of your membership recruitment events and I wish you all success. It is important to remind ladies that membership in the League can provide them with opportunities to put their faith in action; to become better informed about issues that impact their community and families; to learn new skills; to get involved and develop their spiritual life; and above all, let's not forget, to forge new friendships!

We all have received direction and instructions from our National Executive Director Kim Scammel concerning the annual reports. It is important that we complete these reports in order to celebrate our successes and to provide input for the future of the League. If you encounter difficulty, then please inform either the national office or contact me. If I do not know the answer then I will find it for you. The League wants to support you in completing these vital reports by the **January 15, 2020** deadline.

The Ontario Provincial Council has provided diocesans with an information presentation on the future of the League which is to be delivered to members of each diocese. I will be making this presentation at our League Development Day which will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at St. Bernard Parish. Further details will follow.

This is a busy time of year! As we celebrate the season of Advent remember to take time for silence and prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. I will pray that all of us use these weeks of Advent to prepare for the *real* meaning of Christmas.

May God Bless you.

Claudette Langdon

Diocesan Organization Chair