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TO: Parish Presidents

From: Lynn Lavictoire, Diocesan President

“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

Hebrews 1:14

The summer is coming to a close as this communique is being written. Yet, it was a summer sizzling with activity!

At the parish level, many councils continued to report on the H.U.G. (helping, understanding, giving) program for which the diocesan council is ever grateful.

In July, the provincial convention was held in Kingston. The Kingston diocese blessed us with their wonderful hospitality and friendship. With 425 attendees, it was an informative and faith filled convention. What made this convention special for Ottawa was that our very own Colleen Perry has become the new Ontario Provincial President! Congratulations Colleen. Additionally, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast is the new Ontario Provincial Spiritual Advisor.

In her first communication, Colleen mentioned the importance of prayer and the power of the rosary. This is the symbol she will be using for her signatures and messages. Colleen has chosen “loneliness” as the new provincial theme for her term. This will also be our focus. She is asking us to choose a way where we can direct our resources and energy to educate members on the issue of loneliness and to look into options that we can act upon in our diocese.

In August, the national convention was held in Calgary. What a great turn out with 846 attendees! The Calgary Diocese did an exceptional job in making us all feel welcome and the western decor and entertainment were invitingly lively.

September is filled with a newness of activity in the Ottawa Diocese. Our upcoming Executive Meeting and Potluck Luncheon promises to bring forth new ideas, a focus on the new provincial theme, an update on the *Plans Strategically*, and a continuation of the national theme, *Care for our Common Home*.

Our diocesan website has been updated with a simpler look. Please browse through it and if you have any CWL events you want advertised, please email them to me and they will be put on the website. Let's promote the Catholic Women's League in your parishes and diocese. Together we can become more visible in our parishes, diocese, and in the larger community. Wear your CWL scarves and pins whenever you have an opportunity.

The diocesan officers just had a mini-retreat with our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Father Paul Gaudet on Sunday, September 8. Our day began with Mass at Holy Name of Mary Parish in Almonte. Mass was

followed by the Parish Feast Day BBQ. Naturally we mingled with the parishioners while enjoying our lunch. Afterwards we gathered in the Sacristy where Father led us in the retreat. Our retreat focused on prayer and the meaning of prayer in our lives. We also had the opportunity for good discussions. All of us enjoyed it. This was something that was much needed to help us develop our prayer life, learn from one another, and become better leaders as women of faith.

I encourage you and your council members to take a look at our *Executive CWL Ottawa Diocesan Calendar 2019-2020* on our website for upcoming diocesan events hosted by our sisters in the League. Our next event will be held on Tuesday, October 22, when Our Lady of Fatima Council will be hosting a Holy Hour followed by a reception. Hopefully we can take a moment to reflect with our sisters in the presence of our Lord. Bring a friend – everyone is welcome!

Thank you all for all the good work you do for The League and for God and Canada!

Love, Peace and Joy,
Lynn