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TO: Parish Treasurers
From: Diana Baines, Diocesan Treasurer

As we begin the Lenten Season, many of us give something up as a penance. Maybe it's time to turn that around. Let's take something up instead! Why not start each day with a little prayer for someone who might need it? We all have friends or neighbours who could use a bit of extra thought.

I want to thank all treasurers who completed their annual reports of donations. I received reports from 22 of 25 Councils and our Ottawa parish councils donated a total of \$78,097.00 to various local, national and international causes.

Congratulations! Treasurers, have you had your financial books reviewed for 2019? This is not an optional exercise. Books must be reviewed every year and a report from the reviewer should be placed in the file along with receipts, bank statements and other financial paperwork. Financial files must be retained for seven years.

As we look forward to spring - I firmly believe it is coming - let's "spring clean" ourselves as well as our house and yard. Let's try out a new optimism in our attitude toward life. Many people become very down during the winter months, too cold, days are too short and it just seems like too much trouble to get going. Try something new, maybe something as simple as cleaning out your closet and dressers and donating items you no longer want or need to a charity. If you have friends you haven't seen much during the winter, give them a call and plan to meet for coffee or lunch, it doesn't have to be fancy, getting together is what's important.

As we prepare to enter a new season, let's check that we tidied up last winter's projects. Did you make more time for yourself? Most of us make time for fulfilling the wants and needs of others, but we put ourselves last on the list. It's not selfish to put ourselves first sometimes. It's OK to say no to those constant requests to do more for others; sometimes when you say no it allows another person to step forward and try something new. No one is indispensable.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at convention on May 2 at Annunciation of the Lord Parish.

Your sister in the League

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