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Care For Our Common Home

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National President (for information)
FROM: Janet Brunger, Provincial President

Welcome to September! It is with anticipation that we ramp up our activities for another fruitful year in the CWL! We look forward to fundraisers, workshops, and growth.

In reflecting on the upcoming planned activities and all that it takes to ensure success, I can't help but think about what goes on behind the scenes; all of the planning, collaboration support, encouragement, teamwork, hard work, and usually, a generous measure of fun and good-natured ribbing! And drilling further down, I wonder; What qualities make a good President?

- A good President can work well in a team environment, and she can delegate. I've found that people WANT to do a good job; if you give them the opportunity to make decisions and offer your support along the way, you'll find that they'll do their utmost for the League.
By delegating, you are empowering others.
- A good President will also look for gifts in others, and draw upon those same gifts. Most people will not volunteer to do something they've never done before, for fear of failure; however, with encouragement and support, they'll tap into whatever resources they have on hand; aka, their gifts, and the result will be a successful endeavour!
- The President has the ability to set the atmosphere and create a happy working team – if she is relaxed, positive, cheerful and confident, chances are that her team will be as well.
- And finally, a good President, by collaborating with her team, has the ability to stay focused and to make good decisions for the benefit of the League. There is a lot of information coming down from other levels of the League, and by staying abreast of current affairs in the League, the community and the Parish, she will be tuned in to critical and upcoming events and will be working with her team to establish priorities.

So there's really no magic about being a President; with technology today, she really just needs to be on the other end of her email and she needs to filter information through the necessary channels in a timely manner. Depending on what level of the League she's serving at, there will be a need for sub-committees to oversee as well.

Although there is a level of dedication required, without fail, I've always found that the benefits far outweigh the commitment. I strongly encourage everyone to not be afraid to take that step, as you will find that you've learned and grown within the League with the experience of being a President. Never be afraid that "I can't do as good a job as so-and-so" – Everyone has their own style and their own gifts to bring forward, and that's precisely what makes the League as rich and unique as it is!

Conventions are also a marvelous way to tap in to an incredible amount of information the League has to offer. From Diocesan to Provincial to National Convention, you will come away uplifted and re-energized, with a renewed enthusiasm to continue the work of the League in your own Council. Our National Convention in Calgary this summer was amazing, with a lot of information shared and friendships made and renewed!

Upcoming is Winnipeg Diocesan's Fall Meeting & Workshop on October 5th, to which everyone is invited, hosted by Notre Dame Parish in Selkirk, MB; and St. Boniface Diocesan Council's Day of Reflection, hosted by St. Anne Parish Council in St. Anne, MB, on October 19th. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Wishing each of you Many Blessings during this beautiful time of year!

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