



**Hamilton Diocesan Council**  
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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**



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Communications Directive #1

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**To:** Parish Council Presidents, Parish Council Communication Standing Committee Chairs  
**From:** Patti Pagett, Hamilton Diocese Communication Standing Committee Chair

Dear Sisters in the League;

Welcome to the start of another very busy year. An important part of our league activities during the year is *communications*: the imparting or exchanging of information or news; and the means of connection between people.

We need to keep good communications between all levels of our CWL family - parish, regional, diocesan, provincial and national. I feel that patience will be important as we try different methods of staying in touch to find what suits all our members the best. It will be a challenging time as we look at all the types of communication. It is true that at this time there is increased reliance on electronics, but we must always remember to use the method of communication that best suits the situation — whether it be personal contact, a phone call, a text, an email or perhaps a written letter or memo.

Electronic communication is a valuable way to keep in touch with many of our members at one time, and to know what is happening at each level. With that in mind, I encourage each member to take a few minutes weekly or perhaps biweekly to check out the websites of each level of the league:

Hamilton Diocesan <http://hamilton.cwl.on.ca>

Ontario Provincial <http://cwl.on.ca>

National <https://www.cwl.ca>

The National Council made good use of electronic communication when they held a virtual workshop — A Town Hall Meeting — which allowed league members from across our nation to use their computers and the internet to participate in the National Convention even if not able to attend in person. Although I was not able to take part in the town hall myself, I have heard very good things about it. I hope many of you were able to take part, and found it useful.

Our Diocesan newsletter — The Spectrum — has been issued for Fall 2017. Each council has received one printed copy in the President's envelopes given out at the fall regional meetings. It is

also available to read on the Diocesan website (along with the 3 immediate past issues). I thank all the Parish Presidents who took the time to submit an update on their council for that fall issue.

The deadline for the spring issue is January 31, 2018. Please use Calibri 12 font, and make sure you include the name of your parish council, municipality, and a contact person. Send your submissions to me at: [dpac@golden.net](mailto:dpac@golden.net)

Another important responsibility of the communications chair is our Pornography Hurts bus campaign. When considering where you will make donations with your council's funds, please remember we need donations to keep the campaign running.

You can send your cheque to our Diocesan Treasurer: Julia Calverley, 80 Forest St, Guelph ON, N1G 1H9. All cheques are to be made payable to 'Hamilton Diocesan CWL' with 'Pornography Hurts' written on the memo line.

I wish all councils a successful year in all the work you do, and thank all members for everything they do for the League.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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