



Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Communiqué from Diocesan President

To: Presidents, Halifax-Yarmouth CWL Councils

From: Janet Terrio, President, Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Council

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PREVIOUSLY IN 2020:

Sisters in the League,

THEN: As you know, I expected to be Past President at this time. Well, that did not happen; elections, conventions, meetings were cancelled in every province and diocese in Canada. We all paused as the pandemic swept across the world. We watched in horror as the number of cases rose, as the death toll rose, as life as we knew it ceased. Churches halted services as they followed guidelines set forth by the provinces' medical officers.

We did not visit with friends and family, we wore masks, we washed our hands, we maintained a six-foot distance from everyone except the people with whom we lived, we "stayed the blazes home", and gradually we flattened the curve.

During this time, we relied on our faith and our trust in God. Individual churches brought their liturgies online, joining tv offerings such as Mass for Shut-Ins, etc. In August, our National office put the speakers scheduled for the cancelled National Convention online so we could watch and listen from our homes.

NOW: the uncertainty brought by the pandemic remains: we do not know when it will be safe to resume a "normal" life; I suspect we will forge a "new normal" rather than return to life as we knew it.

Yet, with all that we as a province have endured in 2020, there is still joy in the Lord, in sisterhood, in family, in community. I urge you to look for the joy as we continue our service to God and Canada.

***May the blessing of the Lord be upon you,
We bless you in the name of the Lord.***

Where we are is where we are supposed to be even if it is not where we planned to be.