# President Annual Survey - 2020

ID. Council Code (e.g. AC-056)

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# Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As parish council president, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective. The survey is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the survey. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Several questions which relate to each sub-heading make it clear and easy to complete. Please note that not all questions apply to your parish goals for the year. Answering a "yes" or "no" simply gives evidence to you and other levels of what you are doing. It may also be an impetus to try something new.

You will see questions to "skip" if you do not have a standing committee chairperson for the position. The intent of this question is to determine what personal growth you had. We absolutely want to hear if your council was still able to make progress related to that question. You can identify the work accomplished by the council in question near the end of the survey where it asks to share any other activities of this position not yet reported.

For 2020, the open questions are limited to a response of no more than 300 characters. Please be succinct in your responses to these questions.

Thank you for completing this form, It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what interests your members.

Anne-Marie Gorman, National President

## **About You**

- Q1 Parish Council Name:
- Q2 Parish Council Registered Town:

Q3	Parish Council ID number:
Q4	Is your council in an amalgamated parish?
	O yes O no
Q5	If so, in what year and how many former parishes combined?
Q6	Reporting to:
Q7	What is your name?
Q8	Is this position filled or vacant? Filled Vacant

## **Leadership Profile**

As the implementation committee begins its research into leadership in the League, your input into the profile of leadership is important. We invite you to answer the following three questions. (Note: Responses are voluntary.)

Q9	How long have you been a member?	
	O Less than 5 years	O 16-20 years
	O 6-10 years	O 21-25 years
	O 11-15 years	O more than 25 years
Q10	Have you held this position previously?	
	🔘 yes	🔘 no
Q11	What is your age?	
	O under 18	55-64
	0 18-24	65-74
	25-34	75-84
	35-44	0 85+
	45-54	

### Inform the Membership

The president shall inform the membership of the position of the League on current issues and priorities and programs.

Q12	Where do you	get information	from which to	o inform you	r members?
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local newsapers	diocesan newsletters
national website	parish bulletins
national communiques	The Canadian League magazine
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops	Google searches
Catholic Organization for Life and Family	Other
provincial websites or newsletters	
Other, please specify other information used:	

Q13 What current national priorities have been introduced to and discussed or acted upon by your council this year?

Care	for	Our	Common	Home

rights of the pre-born under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Canada's support for the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

establishing standards of testing and labelling for products deemed "flushable"

excluding medical assistance in dying from palliative care/hospice facilities

none of the above

Q14 What methods did you use to introduce these topics?

arranged for a speaker on the to	nic	wrote about the	topic in a newsletter/bulletin/e-
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engaged the standing committee chairperson

discussed the topic at a meeting

none of the above

**Foster Open Communication** The president shall foster open communication with the spiritual advisor on all League matters.

Q15	dvisor?		
	O weekly	O rarely	
	monthly	O never	
	annually		
Q16	Would you say your spiritual advisor is supportiv	ve of the CWL?	
	⊖ yes	O no	
Q17	What reasons do you feel prevent your spiritual advisor from being present?		
	serving a number of parties	lack of tradition of having the advisor at meetings	
	other duties (such as with the diocese) outside the parish	travelling long distances to the meetings	
	health	other:	
	Other, please list what prevents the spiritual adv	isor's participation:	

**Preside at Meetings** The president shall preside at all meetings and conventions of the council concerned.

Q18	What resources do you use to preside at meetings?			
	Constitution & Bylaws	Parliamentary Procedure		
	council policy and procedure manual	Robert's Rules of Order		
	Executive Handbook	other		
	National Manual of Policy and Procedure			

Other, please specify what other resources are used at meetings:

**Signing Authority** The president shall be a signing officer for all official documents.

### Q19 What types of documents have you signed on behalf of your council?

banking documents	letters directed outside of the CWL
cheques	petitions
letters directed within the CWL	none of the above

## **Provide Active Leadership**

### Q20 At which events did you represent your council?

anniversaries	sacramental events
church functions	regional meetings
community events	diocesan meetings and conventions
community fundraisers	provincial meetings and conventions
conferences	national convention
fundraising events and dinners	Remembrance Day services
meetings with politicians	World Day of Prayer
pro-life events	special masses
workshops	I haven't attended any events.
retreats	other
school ceremonies	

Other, please specify the other events:

Q21 Did your council subsidize your cost to attend these events and, if so, by how much?

	100% paid	50% paid	25% paid	0% paid
conferences	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
fundraising dinners and events	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
workshops	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
diocesan convention	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
provincial convention	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
national convention	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

**Initiate Policy** The president shall initiate policy in consultation with the officers of the council concerned.

Q22 Does your council have a parish policy manual?		
	🔘 yes	🔘 no
Q23	If no, would it be helpful to have one?	
	🔘 yes	🔘 no
Q24	Would you need assistance in developing a paris	h policy manual?
	🔘 yes	🔘 no
Q25	Did your council develop new policies this year?	
	🔘 yes	🔘 no
Q26	Please describe the new policies in two to three w	vords.

### **Keep Informed**

The president shall keep fully informed on the operation of the League and report annually to the membership.

Q27 Have you read the *Executive Handbook* and understand the duties of your executive team?

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🔵 no

no

Q28 If yes, has the *Executive Handbook* assisted you in the responsibility of overseeing the operations of your council?

🔘 yes

Q29 If the *Executive Handbook* has not helped, what were you looking for but could not find?

Q30 Do you provide an annual summary of the council's activities to all members?

🔘 yes	🔘 no

Q31 By what method? Choose all that apply.

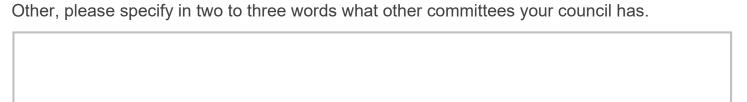
e-mail	parish bulletin
newsletter	written report
oral report	none of the above

## **Advisory Capacity**

The president shall be an advisory member of all committees except the nominations and elections committee.

Q32 What committees, other than standing committees, does your council have?

annual events such as teas, bazaars, etc.	visitation
policy	fundraising
scholarship or bursary	funeral lunches
social events	none
catering	other
donations	



**Official Spokesperson** The president shall be the official spokesperson for her council.

Q33 On what issues have you spoken on behalf of your council this year?

Q34	4 Does your council use League letterhead when corresponding?		
	🔘 yes	🔘 no	
Q35	Do you reference only the membership total for your council when doing so?		
	<ul><li>○ yes</li><li>○ no</li></ul>	O not applicable.	

## Summary

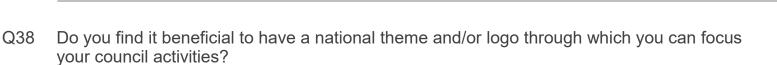
Who provided the greatest assistance to you when you assumed the role of president? Q36

_ immediate past president current executive	;
former past presidents	nt
life member provincial preside	ent
secretary my personal men	itor
treasurer other	

What were the greatest challenges you faced in transitioning into the role of president? Check Q37 all that apply.

	feeling overwhelmed	technology
С	feeling undertrained	trying to please everyone
C	not having a full slate of officers	keeping members interested
С	resistance to new ideas	member conflict
С	finding the time	lack of confidence
	amount of paperwork	delegation
	member criticism	recruiting
С	running meetings	tedious policies and procedures
С	public speaking	organizational skills
С	meeting expectations	other
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Other, please describe in two to three words the greatest challenges you face.



yes

no

Do you like the change of theme with each new national president? Q39



How many years should there be between theme changes? Please insert a number. Q40

Q41 List the top two or three things about which you are most proud in your council.

Q42 What was your biggest challenge as president and how do you intend to address it?

Q43 List the greatest challenge(s) in completing the survey, if applicable.

Thank you for taking this survey. Your input helps the board to understand the priorities of councils for future planning.

Before pressing the "submit" button, please "print" the survey responses for your records.

To "print", ensure that pop-ups are enabled. If you are unsure how to enable pop-ups, please contact Marion at national office for assistance.

WARNING: Once "submit" has been pressed, the "print" function is no longer available.