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To: Diocesan Past Presidents
National Past President
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The CWL theme *Centred on Faith & Justice* and the year 2012 are drawing to a close and for many of us, our term as Past President is only months away from ending. However, there is still work to be done!

Archive work can be carried out after each event our councils take part in. Many meetings themselves lend an opportunity to capture in writing and in photos the guest speaker, the letter writing on a resolution or any special initiative the council is working on.

On October 26 & 27 the Ad Hoc Archives Sub Committee gathered in Edmonton. Mary H., Ella E. and Donna P. travelled from the north and south to work on our boxes of treasures. The time was well spent sorting, filing and having fun as we worked through much information. Every so often one of us came across a piece of information which we shared. Some were sad and some were happy but all were truly moments of learning. Did you know that in April 1991 to September 1995 we were registered under the Societies Act called the *Alberta Mackenzie Foundation Society*? The purpose was to allow for receipts to be issued to members for large donations such as to the Newman Fund in Edmonton and to the Saint Mary's CWL Chair in Calgary.

At National Convention this past August in Edmonton you would have seen the Archives and History Centennial Project. Because of the good stewardship of previous councils, the basic information, little known facts and jewels of information on major events were able to be shared with all in attendance. Let us all continue to do our part to ensure that in years ahead members will have more excellent resources available to them! Please go to: provincialarchives.alberta.ca for information on what to keep and how to best preserve that information.

Annual reports are a wonderful way to keep record of all the things that councils have done. Please collect this valuable data and add it to your archives.

Now, more than ever, we require the right leaders in the right place to move us forward in a very strong way! I hope that all councils are taking advantage of the wonderful and exciting new training program *Catch The Fire* which is available to all members.

Elections are around the corner for many councils and as past president you are likely the chair of the elections committee. Please refer to the ***National Manual of Policy & Procedure, "Article XV Eligibility, Nominations & Elections."*** Following the steps laid out in this policy allows for a process that is easy to apply.

Sisters in the League, this will be my last communiqué for 2012. With the nearness of Christmas upon us I offer all of you my best wishes for a safe and healthy Christmas with family and friends, full of the Blessings of God and His Only Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.