



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
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Share the Word: Integrity

Madam Chair:

Catholic Women's League is noted for members having integrity – that is standing together as an effective team, in faithfulness, reliability, trustworthy, honesty and helping others. As Catholics, we live, breath and connect with others wherein our thoughts, words, and actions reflect our inner code of ethics. We tend to do the right thing even when no one is looking.

My role as the Toronto Diocesan Treasurer requires a high degree of integrity. Execution of any tasks is based on written documents as approved by the league – such the Toronto Diocesan Policy and Procedure (revised April 2022), Constitution and By-Laws (2022) and the National Policy and Procedure (2022).

Whenever engineers and architects design a building or a bridge, the components must hold together as an integral whole to support the weight of the structure. If the foundation lacks structural integrity, the whole thing may collapse or become unusable, like the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Similarly, if a treasurer does not maintain consistency based on the rules and process, records will always be incorrect.

Additionally, to build something that will endure; we need to first build a solid foundation, which must form an essential part of that structure. This applies equally to skyscrapers and to other professions. Integrity in what we do is essential for ensuring that work is done right the first time.

There are tasks within the peripheral of a treasurer which could be more convenient and gets the tasks completed in no time and one of them is having a blank cheque sign by the two authorized executive signatories without completing the rest of the mandatory lines. This goes back to the policy and procedure is adhered to ensure consistency and integrity.

An email money transfer (EMT) is a retail banking service that allows users to transfer funds between accounts, using email and their online banking service and is often called Interac-eTransfers. In fact, one of the sources of payments for this year's convention is through email transfer. This process requires setting up generic



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email address intended for this purpose only. Using personal email is discouraged due to liabilities.

Integrity means various things to different people, but at its heart, to have integrity means that you are honest, dependable, and trustworthy. It is the number one trait that treasurers should have. When someone has integrity, that means that others can count on them to look at the situations objectively and do the right thing. This means that others are safe putting their trust in you to look out for the best interests of all the stakeholders.

My complete report can be found on pages 7 - 9 of the online 2021 Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report,

Lolita Perry
Treasurer



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