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VANCOUVER DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Communiqué

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When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time. - St. Francis de Sales

Membership Statistics for the Year of 2024.

The National Annual Report received from the National Convention in Toronto gave us the reading. Among the ten provinces plus the Military Ordinariate, only Alberta and BC & Yukon recorded increased membership numbers.

The membership totals for B.C. & Yukon are follows:

Jan.1,2024	New	Reinstated	Didn't Renew	Paid Members	Deceased	Dec.31,2024
7,216	583	320	754	7,365	115	7250

The table above showing that the most percentage that affect the membership number is the members not renewing. While deceased members have declined are beyond our control, our membership problem is not recruiting, it is the challenge with retaining the members.

I encourage executive members to reach out to members not renewing their membership. Initiate a one-to-one conversation. Ask if members feel valued, included, spiritually nourished, and their gifts are being used and appreciated. Find out the reason behind, or if they have opportunities to socialize and get to know each other through servicing together.

Teamwork brings challenges and disagreements, but we should not let this get in the way of doing wonderful things together. Difficulties help us grow in faith and sisterhood. As Catholic Women, let us lead with acceptance and love, sharing knowledge and valuing each other as we build God's kingdom together.

Annual Reports

The annual report is an important document for the Parish, Diocesan, Provincial and National councils. It is an important tool for reflection and future planning.

Every year, the national council requests that parish presidents and their executive officers from across the country prepare reports that accurately document and detail the activities of the council over the past year. All presidents should have received a Memo from the National Office regarding the Snap Surveys to access to the annual reports. The reporting process will begin from November 1, with submissions deadline by December 15.

I request every council make sure to add this business item to your agenda for your November executive meeting.

Completing the survey, all you need is a laptop, your council code, and council name. Reports from all executive positions have been combined into one single submission per council. If computer access is not available, my suggestion is to print the survey, then get together with your executive team and refer to the Secretary's minutes of the past year to answer the questions together. Designate a team member to input the answers online, ensure the completed report is printed, saved for your records, and submitted to the National Office as instructed.

Why not make it a fun gathering to complete your annual reports, create an opportunity to celebrate your council's achievements and strengthen the bonds of your executive team. Sharing stories and reflecting on your collective efforts will also foster a deeper unity and knowledge within your council.

Get together, make it fun and enjoyable.

May God bless you all.