



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



TO: Base Councils Presidents, Base Council Organization Chairs, Military Ordinariate Admin Committee

FROM: Military Ordinariate Provincial Organization Chair

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MEMO: # 1 (2016-2018)

SUBJECT: Introduction

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

Happy September! I am shocked and in denial at how the summer has faded away, a new school year is beginning and we are again starting a new CWL year. More and more I find the seasons to be sneaking up on me!

I am thankful and pleased to once again be serving as your Military Ordinariate Provincial Chairperson of Organization, this time while also being President- Elect. As some of you may be questioning why I would have the chair for two consecutive terms, 2014-2016 and 2016-2018, the explanation is, that the Chair of Organization is held by the President - Elect, and my previous term was only due to a lack of President-Elect; that is, I had been appointed, as 1st Vice, to be Organization Chair. Our President, Coreena Cole, received confirmation and permission to allow me to maintain this Chair again, from Past- President, and Chairperson of Laws, Barb Dowding. So I am back in the saddle again and looking forward to getting even more accomplished!

I would still like to take a moment to re-introduce myself. I am currently living in Kingston ON, with my husband of 22 (in October) years, and our three children Caleb, 17, Mason, 13 and Ryleigh, 13. I work as an Educational Assistant in the Catholic School board here and I am currently supporting students with special needs in a kindergarten- grade two class. I have served on the Military Ordinariate Provincial council as Christian Family Life Chair, Communications Chair and as Organization Chair. This year marks my 20th anniversary as a CWL member.

I am pleased to have received, two days ago, the first memo from our new National President Elect, and Organization Chair, Anne-Marie Gorman. In it she writes of the why of what we do and does so by using the Objects of the League:

The objects of the League shall be to unite Catholic women of Canada:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

Anne-Marie also reminds us that the responsibilities of the Organization Chair are the same regardless of which Level we are National, Provincial, Diocesan, or Parish we are to: Recruit and Maintain Membership, promote Leadership Development, promote and be knowledgeable in League Resource material, as well as, promote, educate and liaise regarding annual reports, and life membership.

The process for submitting annual reports will be changing this year. I will address this in a future email, but I am excited to see how this new updated reporting will help us learn and grow as a national organization. Our National Executive has been working on this for some time now with the goal of making reporting easier, and more comprehensive.

I would like to remind all of you that we are in this together; that we are strongest when we are a team and that we, as your Provincial Executive rely on communication just as much as you do. Please use us and contact us.

In closing, I would like to share the scripture which Anne-Marie used in her opening memo:

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will remain – so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

You remain in my prayers my sisters and I ask Our Lady of Good Council to bless you all with the desire to accept and thrive in your roles as members and leaders in the League.

Yours in Christ,

Tawnya Stringer

Military Ordinariate Provincial Chairperson of Organization 2016-2018