

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Madam Chair,

Two years ago I responded to the call and agreed to become the North York Region Chair. As a region we have faced many challenges and have always tried to approach these challenges knowing that the Holy Spirit will guide us and in the end whatever happens is God's will.

In March I had the opportunity to be a witness to the love of God through service; in particular when the North York Region was able to hold the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest. It is always a challenge to hold this contest but St. Bonaventure Parish stepped up and was able to host our regional contest.

We had three contestants from Parishes that had participated before and one parish who was new to the contest. The dedication and enthusiasm from these young people was certainly a joy to witness. The topics they chose to speak about were very diverse and well researched.

We even had a contestant from Mary Matthews home parish of St. Edward the Confessor who went on to compete at the Diocesan level.

Even though I will not be the regional chair next year I have made a commitment to our councils that I will assist them in promoting the contest and provide them with continued support.

My written report can be found on page 32 of the Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report.