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TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
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Madame Chair:

*I will go Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your sisters in my heart.*

These words truly speak to how I came to answer the call to service, to serve as President-Elect/Organization Chair on this executive. It was through prayer and listening to God's plan on where he was sending me, knowing that he would be by my side that brought me to my decision. At the beginning of my term, I had set three goals for myself: to assist members and councils to move into the new structure of the League, to promote mentoring and to work with councils to increase membership. Through CWL Wednesdays, Development Days, presentations on Parish Executive Training and Effective Meetings, reaching out to prospective members who made inquiries on the national and TDC websites, and assisting with the establishment of four new charter councils, with one more in the works and the reactivation of one council, I not only experienced some success with my goals, I experienced personal growth, as a woman of faith, to witness the love of God through my service as President-Elect.

These past two years have shown me how important it is to be of service to members of the League. And, what better way to witness the love of God than in service to the League. My presentations provided me the opportunity to introduce and share the wonderful resources on the national website. In 2023, even though Toronto Diocese experienced a drop in membership, 38 councils saw an increase in membership and 42 councils welcomed a total of 361 new members. In service, I have witnessed the love of God through all of you – your encouragement, your support and your enthusiasm as you attended the workshops, as you participated in membership drives, as you offered to help one another, as you asked for help when needed and as you prayed for one another.

We have all heard the saying, "God does not call the equipped, he equips the called". When I said yes to my call, I was scared – there were many days that I felt that I was 'in over my head', but I also knew that I was part of a team and was



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going to be mentored by the best. We are all called to serve – at all different levels of the League. Please remember, that in answering. *Here I am Lord, send me*, you will have God and you will have your sisters who will be there to support you. Knowing this is why I can say 'yes' to the next phase of my CWL journey of service.

My written report can be found on page 14-16 on the On-line Annual Report Book.