



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
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Madame Chair:

Faith is believing in God and trusting in His plan, even when you do not understand it and cannot see it. We live our faith through obedience to God and acts of service.

Two years ago, when I accepted to serve as Recording Secretary on the TDC although I was anxious, I thought yes, I can do this. I was a successful secretary at my parish council, I will do this well. I was assured that God had placed me exactly where he wanted me to be. He will help me through this, and he did, with lessons.

The year 2023 was a most challenging year for our family. We became more familiar than we would have liked with the insides of five hospitals including a palliative care ward. I had to attend to the needs of my family and myself as we were all greatly impacted by health issues and especially in dealing with the death of my dear sister-in-law Veronica.

During this time, I drew strength from prayers, leaving all my thanks, worries and fears at the foot of the Cross. I was comforted by talking to God as a friend, accepting His will and often saying to Him, "Jesus I trust in You, I know you will take care of everything". What a friend we have in Jesus. No suffering is in vain when you have true faith.

I was filled with gratitude to have been on the receiving end of service, as we received many caring visits, concerned phone calls, messages and support from my CWL sisters. It was truly uplifting and so greatly appreciated.

Some of the main duties of the recording secretary I undertook were, signing officer whenever necessary, attended most Executive and Pre-Convention meetings, received reports from the Executive Members, completed and distributed minutes. The regional meetings were always fun, to see and chat with our sisters from different parishes. During my term I experienced personal growth and learned a lot. It was my honour to serve on the TDC.

To my incoming sister secretary:

Take time to understand the requirements of this position, review examples and ask questions no matter how small, and be assured that you will receive all the support you need to be successful from your sisters on the Executive. You will be amazed to see how things like annual conventions, resolutions, CWL Wednesdays, the COVID



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Chronicles and other workshops and events come together. You will learn a lot and be spiritually enriched.

Emails are convenient and quick; however, we tend to miscalculate the beneficial impact of calling someone to touch base. Sometimes it is because we aren't paying attention to how enjoyably surprising such a gesture feels for a homebound person. So whenever possible, reach out and touch a sister's heart.

Dear Sisters in Christ, let us call on the Holy Spirit and Our Lady to enlighten our minds and help us encourage each other.

Here I am Lord, send me. I will be serving on my Parish Council for the upcoming term.

My written report can be found on page 5 of the on-line Annual Report Book