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Madam Chair,

Reflecting on my response to my 'call to serve' as Regional Chair for Scarborough, I believe I have grown in Faith over the last two years. Here's how:

1. Firstly, I have tried to keep my faith and relationship with God as the foundation for my work in the CWL. To be Martha in service and ministry, it has for me meant trying to get my priorities straight and, like Martha's sister Mary, going first to the Source, continuing to 'find the Centre' (as Bishop Robert Barron likes to say). What's so beautiful about our CWL council meetings, Regional Meetings, and conventions is that they all have an important faith and prayer component, and often Mass.
2. Secondly, our faith calls us to be good stewards of our God-given gifts, and to grow them as the trusted servant in the parable did. My CWL role has helped me use my time and my talents fruitfully. And the duties of the role, the planning of the events, and the incredible CWL workshops on leadership, effective meetings, time management which we have easy access to, have helped me further develop my skills and talents. What a great way to attract young people to the League - by telling them about our opportunities for leadership training and development.
3. Finally, the corporate and secular world often encourages blatant self-promotion, self-serving out-reach and cutthroat competition between individuals and groups. The CWL being a faith-based organization is refreshingly different and has given me an area of my life where I can focus on the things that, in the final analysis, matter most - humility, lifting up and letting others shine, being supportive of rather than being in competition with each other and each other's councils, and giving of self without wanting something in return.



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By growing in my faith, the CWL has made me, not yet the 'best', but certainly a 'better' version of myself.

I am extremely grateful for the encouragement, support, and inspiration of my Sisters in the League. Thank you.

My written report can be found on page 35 of the 2023 Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report.