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Witness to the love of God through ministry.

This past year marked the final five years in this role as the diocesan treasurer. I was highly motivated and fully energized to take on this responsibility with my eyes wide open in 2019.

The Mission Statement calls us to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. It was one of the many resources that allowed me to evolve, showcasing my commitment and capabilities, through many rewarding and challenging periods. At this level I had the advantage of witness to the ***love of God through ministry*** by the good works undertaken by our diocesan and parish councils.

Though we may not be born with time management, organization, creativity, etc., these are skills we can develop. I continued to develop these skills over the course of my tenure. Every organization must have sound financial control to meet its goals, which as treasurer we oversee on behalf of our council. Budget preparation, financial statements, maintaining and updating per capita worksheets and others are very important.

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."Psalm 46:10.

Specifically, over the past 12 months I have witnessed many accomplishments which one can only attest to God presence in our lives.

- ❖ Members contributing to diocesan (CCAS, St. Michaels), provincial (Bishop Pappin) and national (Coady International Institute, Development and Peace, Catholic Missions in Canada) trust funds.
- ❖ Financially supporting diocesan projects and events such as Development Day, Convention registration and banquet, Moira Ste Marie Series Food Insecurity Workshop, COVID-19 Chronicles, etc. It is incredible to see how quickly donations of \$5, \$10, etc. add up to \$1000 plus.
- ❖ Membership renewals despite declining membership and disbanding councils.

- ❖ Reading the council annual reports with their many accomplishments in support of their parish community, various organizations, speakers and member engagements to retreats, etc.

On a personal note, God's presence and love was felt through supportive family, friends and League sisters last November during my vision surgery and recovery and my husband's worsening cognition and dependency these past five years. I am thankful that I was given the opportunity to work with all of you as you were the angels He sent as needed.

The treasurer position can be held for two terms of office which are rewarding and fulfilling. As I sign off after two terms of office which included the extended year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a few recommendations.

- ❖ All treasurers are encouraged to mentor other members so that they have confidence with financial/accounting, use of spreadsheets to take on the role.
- ❖ The diocesan council to maintain healthy fiscal practices to undertake a review of other auditors for TDC's Financial Statements in for the next fiscal year.
- ❖ The incumbent diocesan treasurer to use sub-conveners for various responsibilities within the role.

The three pillars: faith, service and social justice reflect the core values in which we seek to live out the Mission Statement of being called to "grow in faith, and to witness to the ***love of God through ministry and service***". So, here I am, Lord, send me.

My written report can be found on page(s) 7-9 of the 2023 Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report.

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Treasurer (2022-2024)
Toronto Diocesan Council