



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL
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Pilgrims of Hope***



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Madame Chair:

When I was asked to let my name stand for election to the Toronto Diocesan Executive Council, I said no 3 times, after 3 discernments because I didn't see myself at this level. After a person says no 3 times, it is definitely a given, they are not going to say yes!

Like Jonah's story in the Bible, he didn't want to go to Nineveh. It wasn't until he was swallowed by a whale that he said "YES" to God's call. Luckily, I didn't have to be swallowed by a whale. So, what happened...

This quote from Romans 15:13, literally describes how I answered the call to the Toronto Diocesan Executive Council.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
In believing, so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Afterwards, I was guided by the intervention of the Holy Spirit many times and I finally knew, I must say Yes!!! I was filled with joy and peace in believing that I had made the right decision. In some areas, the learning curve was great which enabled me to grow in my faith role as I serve God and Canada! A perfect example was preparations for our TDC Convention. I love to learn, and I hope to continue my learning curve in my adventure to inspire.

Pilgrim of Hope describes how I saw my journey into the future fostering spiritual growth of the faithful Catholic Women's League sisters while embracing and strengthening their hope in Christ. **Hope is like the oil that keeps our lamps burning and fanning life's flame in our journey, given to us by the Holy Spirit.** In the words of our late Pope Francis, an excerpt from *Embracing the Way of Jesus*:



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If we walk in hope, allowing ourselves to be surprised by the new wine Jesus offers us, we have joy in our hearts, and we cannot fail to be witnesses of this joy. Christians are joyful; they are never gloomy. God is at our side. If we are truly in love with Christ and if we sense how much he loves us, our heart will light up with a joy that radiates to everyone around us.

Continually, I hope my journey will abound in joyful hope to be a worthy servant to the lovely sisters of the Catholic Women League always. Hope does not disappoint. God is good all the time.

My written report can be found on pages 12 and 13 in the on-line Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report.

Amelia Hazell
Chairperson of Faith