



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



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Position: Secretary

Madame Chair,

It is hard to believe that it was just one year ago, when I answered God's call to come and follow, to bring my gifts to serve His people. This Jubilee Year 2025, calls for us to set out on a journey, and He did send me out on a journey across our CWL diocese of Toronto from Peel Region east to Durham, and from Northern Region south to Toronto Region, with stop-overs in Humber Valley Region, North York Region and Scarborough Region. I am truly blessed to have met many of God's pilgrims along my journey, joyful and loving Pilgrims of Hope.

As diocesan secretary, communication is key; communications by email, telephone calls, sending cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas greetings, thinking of you, get well and condolence messages, all on behalf of the Toronto diocesan council. In my communications with many of you, whether you were registering for events, sharing sad news, requesting prayers, or inquiring about anything, even the simplest question, like "what time is the zoom call?" you know that my responses to you were always more than just a few words, and at times, even a few email exchanges.

The Secretary is also known as the GLUE of the organization. As secretary, we connect or glue all the pieces together when we send out notices of gatherings; when we request, collect, and summarize all the reports to Meeting Minutes. Then we share all the good news with everyone. And the glue is not made of only one ingredient, you need many ingredients for the glue to work successfully. As the Toronto Diocesan 'GLUE', the executive team are my joyful ingredients, and along my journey across this Diocese, I have added all of you – superb, high quality, 'all walks of life' ingredients, we threw in a cup of tea, a donut or two, a pinch of sad tears, a pinch of joyful tears and slow-baked over 12 months, and we became the "Super Glue".

My goal for the coming year is for us to continue to journey together in this pilgrimage of Hope, as we continue to be an anchor of hope for each other. We are



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Pilgrims of Hope – “Share the journey, share the work, share each other’s gifts and talents and share the ‘JOY’ – all for His Glory.

My written report and can be found on pages 5 and 6 of the on-line Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report,
Andrea Tjioe,
Secretary