



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL
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550 Beck Road

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Pilgrims of Hope***



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Position: Chairperson of Social Justice

Madame Chair

When I look around this convention hall and see all the wonderful women in attendance, I do ask myself why did you send me Lord? I am a relative newcomer to the Catholic Women's League (13 years) and to the Catholic faith compared to many of my sisters. I am the only Catholic in my family, having gone through the RCIA program several years after immigrating to Canada.

I have always gravitated towards leadership roles on boards of directors, within professional associations and at my workplace, but never saw myself as worthy of any kind of leadership in the Catholic Women's League. As my faith has deepened over the years, and with the encouragement of my sisters in the parish councils I have been a part of, my confidence in my abilities to serve within the CWL grew, so that when I was approached, and after a period of discernment, I felt that I could say YES to the call to serve on the Toronto Diocesan Council.

After the election I was excited to receive a phone call from Kate to ask me to assume the Chair of Social Justice, which fit so well with my passionate interest in helping others, and I jumped right in with my first task to lead a CWL Wednesday to celebrate National Indigenous People's Day. I think my enthusiasm got a little ahead of me as I was locating speakers and arranging details without necessarily understanding the process. "What channels, you mean I need to get approvals to move forward". Kate and Connie were patient with me, and I have learned in this role that good ideas will be supported but the President likes to know about them first, and make sure it is in the budget!

I have learned so much in the past year, having come into the role familiar with many social justice issues, but very ill informed about Resolutions. Thanks go out to my sub-committee member, Elizabeth Joseph, who has helped me tremendously to understand the complexities of writing a resolution.



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Setting up the regular Social Justice zoom meetings, has been really rewarding and I am humbled by how much is going on across the diocese, and in awe of the many projects that are underway in your parish councils. Thank you for all you do in the area of social justice, and the willingness to share information with your sisters in the League. Let us continue to answer the call to "Hear I am Lord, send me", through our Social Justice initiatives.

My written report can be found on pages 19 and 20 in the on-line 2024 Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report
Christina Boyle
Chairperson of Social Justice