



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
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***Here I am Lord, send me
Pilgrims of Hope***



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Madame Chair,

"Here I am Lord" has always been an important prayer for me.

This goes back many years, back to when I was first asked to be the Humber Valley Regional Chair.

Of course, after I got over my initial shock at being asked in the first place, I then asked for some time to discern and pray on it.

All the initial fears crept up...How could I do this? I didn't have enough experience to take on this role...I was far too busy to be regional chair and on and on and all the doubts keep filling my head.

Then, I heard that there was going to be a Scarborough Regional meeting and I decided to attend. I wanted to see what was involved in being a regional chair. I had attended regional meetings in the past but like all things, we never seem to pay attention to all the details until it's something that impacts us and then it's our turn.

Now as luck would have it, during Mass that evening, there was a cantor, who was actually an opera star. That evening, he sang in the most amazingly clear voice, the hymn. Here I am Lord. His voice was so powerful that I found tears rolling down my cheeks. In that moment, I knew that I would say YES.

The words that resonated in my heart ... "I will go Lord, if you lead me". That phrase has stayed with me. I put my trust in those words and so my CWL journey with the Toronto Diocesan Council began.

Many times, I prayed for guidance and always remembered that hymn. The strange thing was that at times when I had doubts and questioned my CWL journey, as I am sure happens to all of us at times, I would go to church and sure enough, that hymn would be playing.



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When we need help, we pray for inspiration, guidance and we are never alone on our path. He is always there to lead and guide us.

As TDC Treasurer, I often think of the disciple, St. Matthew, a tax collector who dealt with finances.

From the Gospel of Matthew, 6:21 tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be". As women of faith we believe in God's promises and hold dear to us our CWL mission.

"I will go Lord if you lead me".

My written report can be found on pages 7 to 9 on the online Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report.

Donna Capobianco,
Treasurer