

# TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN MEMBER PROFILE

Members from the Toronto Diocese have offered their skills and experience with their participation on the Strategic Plan Implementation committees. We thank them for their service to the League.

## YEAR ONE WORKING GROUPS

### **Sue Lubowitz: Reorganization Working Group (2 years)**



Sue has held various positions at all levels of the League. She has been a member of St. John Chrysostom Council, North York Region, since 2006. At the parish level, she held the positions of Community Life, Legislation, Resolutions and Organization Chairs, President and Past President. At the diocesan level, she held Christian Family Life, Resolutions, Education and Health Chairs and is the current President-Elect/Organization Chair. At the provincial level, she was a sub-committee member for Legislation. With her experience in these various committees, she was able to bring her knowledge to the task of reducing the number of committees to three as well as giving input to changing the levels of the League. The report for this committee has been completed and submitted to review to various levels before it will be brought to the full membership for an instructed vote.

### **Madge Somasundaram: Affirmation Working Group (1 year)**



Madge is a charter member of Sts. Peter and Paul Council, Peel Region, since 2004. She has found the Catholic Women's League to be an exceptional source of support, guidance and love. Madge was inspired to give back and saw an opportunity to learn from our sisters across Canada to serve on the Affirmation Working Group, with her experience and knowledge gained by being involved in parish activities, President-Elect/Organization Chair and President. She is constantly working on engaging members, which has helped her in her work in the Affirmation Working Group. The group has produced an entire welcome program, adaptable and customized to fit the needs of councils which will be available in the Fall through Provincial Council.



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## YEAR TWO WORKING GROUPS

### **Hilarion Mitchell: Encourage Diversity Working Group (1 year)**



Hilarion is the current Toronto Diocesan President. She has been a League member since 1998. She served in several executive positions at St. John Fisher Council, Peel Region, and diocesan levels and was Peel Regional Chair. She was one of the Ontario Sparks for the *Catch the Fire* member development program. She is now happy to be on the national Strategic Plan Encourage Diversity Working Group. *Celebrating our Cultural Diversity* was one of her goals as diocesan president. Hilarion brings her lived personal, professional and League experiences to the Encourage Diversity conversation. Hilarion applauds the League for taking steps to be more representative of women from various cultures and ages towards the new envisioned future.

### **Philomena Menezes: Parish Council Issues Working Group (1 year)**



Philomena has been a Catholic Women's League member for 24 years and belongs to Precious Blood Parish Council, Scarborough Region. Philomena served on the parish, regional and diocesan executives in many roles including president of her council. She was Scarborough Regional Chair and was Christian Family Life Chair on the Toronto Diocesan Executive. Philomena is a member of the Serra Club of Markham-Scarborough which is involved in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Philomena was interested in the Parish Council Issues Working Group because activities at the parish council do not always get captured in the annual reports. She is also interested in the unique needs of each council and how they can be incorporated into the League structure.

### **Philiz Goh: Encourage Diversity Working Group (1 year)**



Philiz is a new member of the Catholic Women's League at St. Monica's Council, Toronto Region, as their Communications Chair. She has been advocating for better patient care and accessibility spaces because of her personal and professional experience. She is also very adept with the various social media platforms and is advocating for their use to engage younger members.

Philiz wants to help other Catholic women of various ages and cultures to discover the amazing things that CWL is doing for the community and can provide to them as individuals.