



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
**102<sup>nd</sup> Convention Oral Report**  
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**"Called To Serve"**



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Share the Word: Sisterhood

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Madame Chair and dear sisters in the league:

My chosen word is **Sisterhood**.

How amazing is it to be part of a Sisterhood of thousands of us all over Canada and the world.

In this world today, everyone yearns for meaningful connections.

Pope Francis, in meeting members of American Jewish Committee on #WD2019 says,

***"Women make the world beautiful; they protect it and keep it alive. They bring the grace of renewal, the embrace of inclusion, and the courage to give of oneself."***

The Catholic Women's League provides so many ways to form a sisterhood with other women, be it at home, in a parish or through servant leadership.

A Sisterhood is defined as: the state of being a sister and being involved with a strong community who are bound together by shared experiences or interests.

To each person, Sisterhood may mean something different, however, as a whole it encapsulates an unconditional alliance between like-minded individuals who empower and lift one another.

This is what the CWL means to me. Our CWL sisterhood is diverse and inclusive. We challenge and encourage our sisters to grow and develop in many aspects of their lives that they would not have thought possible otherwise.

We support each other in good times and bad. We inspire each other as sisters and create strong connections that last forever. The sense of acceptance and belonging helps those sisters who feel isolated and alone, and that is not only in Canada. In an effort to keep up our spirits during the Covid Pandemic one sister from CWL England and Wales sang hymns every morning at 4:30am, she also took requests for special intentions. Many sisters from England, Ireland, Australia, South Africa, other African countries and provinces in Canada all tuned in to listen to the day's songs, requests and to pray for those sisters needing prayers.



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Since the beginning of my term, I have attended all meetings and prepared minutes for all of our Pre-Convention and Executive meetings. It was new to me and by no means was an easy transition, only with the assistance of other CWL sisters I able to get through this initial stage.

In my role as Recording Secretary my goal is to create a summary of what I did during my term, as well as a tip sheet and any other resource material such as the Secretaries handbook to make the transition easy for my incoming sister secretary who will hold the Recording Secretary position next term.

I will also be available to her for questions and assistance where required so she can be successful in her role.

Let us continue to live our theme, "called to Serve" and as Saint Paul said, "whatever you do, do it with love."

Two strategic goals are to:

**Increase the number and readiness of members to hold office.**

**Increase effectiveness of communication.**

Let us be all that we can be to help achieve these goals.

Now, please acknowledge in your own way, your CWL sisters who are sitting beside and around you.

"My written report can be found on page 5 of the Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report.

Zenora Mahabal