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Share the Word: Fulfillment

Madame Chair,

The CWL means many things to many people. My Spread the Word is Fulfillment.

In *Share the Word(s)*, National Sisterhood Map, FULFILLMENT is one of the 52 words. The talking points to engage members and women in the League, states "*If you only knew... joining the Catholic Women's League will help you find fulfillment.*"

I found this during the diocesan council members' new council organization presentation at St. Luke in February 2018. I was instantly hooked and knew that the League was the place for me. Not that I was not happy or fulfilled in my life with family and friends, but a small part of my heart was missing. Membership in the League provides fulfillment to members, which is why so many of us choose to belong to this sisterhood. A feeling that completed me within my first year and keeps me growing every day in what the CWL is all about.

On the national website, the section Inspire provides the stories for reasons why members like you and I are members of the League. The section outlines that members are fulfilled through the League's core values of faith, service, and social justice. The 1-minute inspirational testimonial videos that you can download to engage others in your council, parish, community, and beyond in hopes that they too will be inspired to join our journey. Some of the videos are powerful stories from Our First 100 Years, What's your CWL, and why become a Member?

As diocesan corresponding secretary, sending cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas greetings, thinking of you and condolence messages on behalf of the diocesan council brings a sense of fulfillment to make a difference during these important times for members and others.

It has also been a pleasure to interact with countless sisters throughout Canada via emails for meeting and special events registrations. Finally, seeing them virtually gives a sense of fulfillment that cannot be put into words.

Joining the CWL will give you a sense of fulfillment that is beyond imagination when you involve yourself in your areas of interest of faith, service, and social justice. Helping others to grow, seeing the joy on their faces, and the sense of achievement that you have made a difference in their lives.

I thank my fellow corresponding secretaries and others for contributing to the 2022 annual reports. Now that the recording and corresponding secretary positions are combined, I encourage those still in the combined and single role to review the updated Handbook for Secretaries (2022). Going forward I cannot stress the importance of sending in your updated Executive list every time it changes as this is important to your council's relationship with the Diocesan Council, websites, the Diocesan elections, Mailing list, and the President's package.

The corresponding secretary accomplishments and other recommendations are in my written report and can be found on page 6 of the 2022 Annual Report Book.

Called to Serve, Catholic and Living It! This concludes my report.

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