

**Historian Oral Report
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Madam President;

The past president is responsible for the archives and history of the provincial council.

How do archives relate to social justice?

Needless to say the focus this past year has been on preserving the history of the provincial council. Social justice is a huge area of concentration for League members in our province and across our vast country. What a shame that it might not be preserved in our archives. What a shame that it might not be preserved in your diocesan archives...and yes, even in your parish files.

Our provincial files contain briefs, submissions, position papers and resolutions covering such topics and issues as Catholic education, euthanasia, abortion, long-term care, elder abuse, radio-television hearings, and many more related to social justice. Pornography and human trafficking are major issues for League members and much effort is given to both issues. Are these efforts documented anywhere?

We are the voice for the voiceless and our voices are heard. That's the social justice aspect of archival materials. As I visited the provincial archives and reviewed and updated materials, I appreciated the efforts of so many women who in the past took the time to preserve the good work of the League and they made a difference. They made history!

Annual Reports tell the story. Ensure there is a copy of your diocesan annual report in your archives. And past presidents, if you do not have an established archive area in your diocese, make it a priority this year. Visit my display board here at this convention. Pick up some resource materials and start preserving the history of your councils. You and others will be glad you did!

This completes my oral report.

My annual report can be found in the annual report book on page 23.

Respectfully submitted.

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