

**Ontario Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Past Provincial President / Historian**



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To: Diocesan Past Presidents / Historians
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Past President

Greetings and welcome to a new year in CWL. At this moment in time I am sure many of you are thinking ahead to fall leadership days, executive meetings and all the other stuff that we do to prepare for another year in The League. As past presidents our greatest task is to be there and to lend a helping hand, always remembering to wait to be asked and to never say it won't work or I told you so. Each of us led in our own way, so now it is time for your president to soar!

I hardly believe you need much of an introduction from me so I will skip that formality. Just want you to know that I am just an email or phone call away. Supposedly, I am now one of the wise ones ... time will tell.

Having just returned from the national convention, I am filled with hope for our future. Being a member of the steering committee as we plan strategically is an exciting challenge. It was awesome to be part of the historical day when members from across Canada were able to participate on line in the Town Hall Gathering facilitated by Donna Dunn. The comments about the process were generally very positive even with the minor glitches we encountered. I believe members are embracing our view for change to make The Catholic Women's League vibrant in the future. So much is going to be happening over the next months. I encourage you to visit the national website to share your thoughts and ideas. National office has kept the Town Hall site open (cwl.cnf.io) for the next while. While there you can watch the live stream sessions and view photos as well.

A big part of a past president / historian's role is to keep our history up to date. To that end my goal for this term will be to focus on our provincial archives housed in the Hamilton diocesan offices. Plans are in their very early stages. Be assured I will keep you informed as ideas unfold. My first task is to review the national archiving committee process in the hopes of forming a provincial archiving committee. As for other responsibilities, these will unfold as required. For now I plan to

Show up
Shut up and
Wear beige!

Always remember to let go and let God. He will lead you to where you should be today and tomorrow.