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Christian Family Life calls us to meet the needs of individuals at various stages in life while recognizing and protecting the sanctity of life and human dignity. The only difference during the pandemic isolation was we had to call on past means of communication, to reach out to others by phone and mail.

Where the pandemic most influenced my ability to fulfill my duties was its impact on my mental health. I was overcome with fear for my daughter in Germany during early days and weeks of the pandemic and throughout the several lockdowns I found it difficult to think and write. Finally, early in 2021, the Holy Spirit whispered in my ear, 'you are missing serving others' and I knew why I was stuck. I was inward looking and that is not how we live our faith. Since then, for me, it has been zoom, zoom, zoom serving others by providing access to prayer and sharing with sisters virtually.

Most importantly, because of difficult times, I was reminded by my sisters' caring, compassion and offering of encouragement rather than pointing out my failings, that the League is a safe space for all of us when we live to care for all human beings as we are called by our faith and the Christian Family Life standing committee.

Madam President this concludes my report.