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To: Diocesan Presidents and Diocesan Recording Secretaries
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"The bee is more honoured than other animals not because she labours, but because she labours for others." St John Chrysostom

It is a pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new Recording Secretary to the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. For those of you who do not know me yet, I invite you to "meet" me on the provincial website at <https://cwl.on.ca/executive-profile/>

It was a pleasure to meet with so many of you at our Zoom meeting on September 12th. Thank you for attending and thank you for your creativity.

The task set before us was to brainstorm how recording secretaries might address the provincial theme *Go Make a Difference!*

Suggestions brought forward were:

- Supporting other chairpersons by helping with a letter writing campaign(s) in response to the resolutions passed at the provincial and national conventions:
 - ON.22.01 Improve Long-term Care Homes in Ontario (Provincial)
 - ON.22.02 National Strategy to Address Loneliness (Provincial)
 - 2022.02 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste (National)
 - Any other resolution of interest to their members
- Offer a Letter Writing workshop on how to write a letter to government
- Send cards, letters and or newsletters to sick and shut-in members (many councils have been doing this since the beginning of the pandemic).
 - A November newsletter could include a reminder to renew their membership.
 - Include a prayer card, book mark, personal note, etc.
 - Have children from an associated school make cards for residents at a long-term care facility.

- Send cards at times when social contact may be lower such as St Patrick's Day, Easter, etc. Many residents receive an abundance of cards at Christmas but often not at other times of the year.
- Have pre-addressed cards available at general meetings for members to send, thereby getting members directly involved.
- When sending cards, please do not forget your Spiritual Advisor and/or Pastor. They would certainly appreciate your support.

I invite you to share these ideas with the parish recording secretaries in your diocese and encourage them to *Go Make a Difference* in their parishes and communities.

Blessings always,

Anna

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