



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Peterborough Diocesan Council
Nominations and Elections 2018**



January 15, 2018

Dear Ladies of the Catholic Women's League;

Happy New Year to you and your family!

This new year brings us to the election of a new executive to form the Peterborough Diocesan Council for 2018-20. This council will lead us into the celebration of 100 years of service as a CWL.

In the Fall we identified as a group, the gifts we bring to service and leadership in the CWL. The charts were filled with the skills, experience, passion and commitment of so many.

Sometimes you need to try new things in order to give someone else the chance to do new things, including the leadership of the Parish Council. We have 26 presidents who have served as CWL Parish President for a two-year term or more. If you are such a president, you need to have faith in your sisters and step aside to allow new leadership to be fostered at the parish level. As past presidents of Parish Councils, you are encouraged to bring your experience forward to the Peterborough Diocesan Council. You have developed strong relationships in your parish council and the familiar has a comfort level but it does not always feed the soul. It takes someone to be the first...the first person on the dance floor, the first person to lead a workshop...to encourage others to join you. To accomplish change one must show bravery...to take the first steps.

The Peterborough Diocesan Council needs you! I ask that you see your previous role as a Parish President or Diocesan Officer as your source of courage to say yes to a new challenge as a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Council.

Technology has been helpful in bridging the distances between each parish. Attendance at meetings and conventions can all be handled without affecting travel, work schedules and commitment to family. There are many reasons to second guess a decision but know that a role on the Peterborough Diocesan Council is an opportunity for challenge...an opportunity to stretch and grow; an opportunity for fun...new energy and joint planning of conventions; an opportunity for building relationships...new perspectives on issues important to you; an opportunity for service.....appreciation of one's blessings and the needs of others; an opportunity for spiritual growth...a vehicle for self reflection and prayer.

The author Seth Godin tells us;

"The secret of leadership is simple: Do what you believe in. Paint a picture of the future. Go there. People will follow."

Are you willing to serve as a diocesan officer in one or more of the following positions?

- president
- president-elect and organization chair
- 1st vice president and chair
- 2nd vice president and chair
- recording secretary
- treasurer
- chair (one of Spiritual Development, Christian Family Life, Community Life, Education and Health, Communications, Resolutions, Legislation)

Officers who hold the positions and life members would be happy to talk with you about the time, commitment and duties. The Peterborough Diocesan Council needs you on the team!

CWL Nominations and Elections Committee 2018

Joanne Hough, Chair

Anne McKinnon, Life Member

Suzanne Liptay, Community Life Chair

Father Damian Smullen, Spiritual Advisor- ex officio

Attachments:

