

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Congratulations for already having served on diocesan council executive as parish council president! Having done so now makes you eligible for nomination as an officer on diocesan council. This letter is our personal call, inviting and encouraging you to let your name stand for nomination to the \_\_\_\_\_ Diocesan Council in the upcoming election at our \_\_\_\_\_ annual convention.

As someone who has already served as parish council president, you are a woman who possesses the leadership skills and gifts to contribute to our diocesan council. There are many misconceptions about serving on diocesan council, and as a result, many are intimidated at the prospect of serving at the next level. We hope to help you arrive at an informed decision about this opportunity.

Accepting to serve at diocesan level would mean attending executive meetings and annual convention. You would be required to issue communiqués and an annual report. As part of the executive you could participate in other diocesan events throughout the year.

There is tendency to 'elevate' members who serve on diocesan, provincial, or national. Please remember that we are one in the sisterhood of the CWL, and that nothing has changed just because we have agreed to serve at the next level. No matter what level we serve, we each are rooted in a parish council.

Serving on diocesan council is not about power or prestige, it is about service. It is about believing in The Catholic Women's League of Canada strongly enough that one takes personal responsibility to ensure that the ties that bind are not broken! How could almost \_\_\_\_\_ women across Canada be connected and achieve what we do, if we did not have a diocesan and provincial council to bridge the distances and to keep us connected with our national council?

You have been part of the diocesan council simply by having served as parish council president. We urge you to give serious and prayerful consideration to accepting nomination for election in this year's diocesan elections. Our diocesan council needs YOU!

### **THE LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!**

This invitation is our call to let your name stand for nomination. It is now your call as to how you will respond.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and inspire you! May you feel called to say 'yes' in faith!

Blessings,

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Nominations & Elections Committee