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TO: Base Councils Presidents, Military Ordinariate Administrative Committee

FROM: Military Ordinariate Provincial President

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National CWL Theme, MO Provincial Convention 2019

Dearest Sisters in Christ and Spiritual Advisors,

Happy New Year! May 2019 be a year of blessings for you and your loved ones. I would like to thank all who are finishing up terms this New Year for their service to our councils and League and offer my support and encouragement to all who are accepting new or renewed leadership roles in our councils. Thank you all for answering the call to serve and sharing your gifts.

I am pleased to announce to you that Bishop McCaig has appointed Maria Codina to be our new Spiritual Advisor. Padre Maria is currently posted to CFB Petawawa. She is a CWL member herself and a wonderful advocate for us. Padre Maria, will begin her term as Military Ordinariate Spiritual Advisor on January 1, 2019. Thank you, Padre Maria, we are looking forward to serving with you as our Spiritual Advisor.

By now, you should have all received the brochure from the National CWL outlining the strategic planning findings and implementation plans. Further to this information, I or Allison Klemen, MO Organization Chair, will be contacting council presidents to discuss these findings and address concerns and questions. Please ensure you are sharing the brochure information with your councils and getting the information out to our members.

National Catholic Women's League President, Anne Gorman, has chosen Care for Our Common Home as the National theme for 2019-2021. The theme's message can be summarized as:

God was revealed in the unique way through the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This has profound implications for the beauty and sacredness of all life, all matter. All of creation, not just humans, long for fulfillment in the eternal life of God. The resurrection of Christ is the first sign and fruit of the promise of God for all creation. All creation longs for a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1).



The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one and the same. (Care for our Common Home PowerPoint presentation, www.cwl.ca)

More resources and information may be found on the national website. The theme follows the teachings found in Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical Laudato Si. There are many resources and prayer programs that can help you and your council explore these teachings and enrich your faith and learning. I strongly encourage you to delve into this theme and its message.

Lastly, I would like to announce formally the dates and location for our 2019 Military Ordinariate Provincial Convention. Our Lady of Peace CWL, 8 Wing Trenton , Ontario will be our hosts for this year's convention. Life Member, Theresa Winchester will be the convention liaison in Coreena's place, and convention chairpersons are Tina Burness and Susan Stoddard. Convention will be held May 24-26, 2019. More information is to follow as the convention package will be sent out in coming weeks. Please keep the ladies in Trenton in your prayers as they work to provide a wonderful convention for us. Thank you for offering to host us ladies!

May you continue to rely on Our Lady of Good Counsel to guide your work for God and Canada.

Your Sister in Christ,

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