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Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



TO: Base Councils Presidents, Military Ordinariate Administrative Committee

FROM: Military Ordinariate Provincial President

DATE: March 9, 2019

MEMO: #4 (2018-2020)

SUBJECT: Reports, Toll-Free Number for National Office

ATTACHMENTS: 2

Dearest Sisters in Christ and Spiritual Advisors,

This past Wednesday, we entered the Lenten season and it is my sincerest hope, that you will all have an enriching, prayerful and blessed journey; aligning your sacrifices and prayers to our Savior's Cross.

February 22-24th, I had the privilege of representing the Military Ordinariate Catholic Women's League (MOCWL) at the winter meeting of the National CWL Executive in Winnipeg. It was a wonderful, whirlwind weekend where we conducted business, shared ideas and collaborated on behalf of the members of our League.

REPORTS

The first item for your attention is a reminder to Presidents to send in your council's report to **Maryline** by **15 March**. This report is the itemized list of activities, projects, successes of your council in the 2018 calendar year. New presidents may need to enlist the help of their past-president to get the information they want to report. This report is to be sent to me and to our Maryline editor, Lise Hoogkamp, at her Maryline address, mocwl.maryline@gmail.com

Thank you to those Presidents who sent in their annual reports to the National Office. The reports you and your base council committee chairs submit, help the Military Ordinariate (MO) Administrative team, the National Officers and the National Office, understand the activities and overall health of councils, resulting in improved communication, celebration of accomplishments and examination of programs, policies and procedures.

I am issuing a challenge regarding the oral report that is delivered at the General Assembly by Base Council Presidents or their designate (D12 MO STANDING RULES). This year I would like your report to reflect on one or two projects your council did and relate it to the name of your chapel. For example: Holy Family Chapel, CFB Kingston might explain the name

of their chapel and how their projects supported life and families through financial means and projects they undertook. St Francis of Assisi chapel would relate their work back to St Francis and his life and mission. It is my hope that this format will educate, inspire and reaffirm our commitment to our chapel and base communities. I expect there will be some reticence, as there usually is where change is involved, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss your apprehension and concerns, send me an email or call me and we can talk. Also new this year is a deadline of **1 May 2019** to send me the written version of your oral report. This is to ensure everyone is prepared, that the report is within the allotted time permitted and will allow us to share the oral reports of the MO Executive with members not in attendance at convention. (separate from the minutes which will be distributed after convention)

TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

The toll-free, 1-888 number, for the national office, will be discontinued as of 30 June 2019. This change is expected to help foster better communication between the base councils and the provincial council in matters of policies, procedures, concerns and other inquiries. For matters of administration (Orders, Membership, On the Spot) members may contact the national office via email, for matters of policy, procedure, programs, actions and concerns, members may contact first their base council representatives who, if required, may contact their provincial counterpart on the MO Administrative committee. If the inquiry is such that it needs to be raised to the national level, the provincial admin team will do so.

Thank you to all recently affirmed and elected presidents who have answered the call to lead your councils and thank you to out-going presidents who have led and will continue to lead in your new roles as past-presidents~ *may the seeds you have planted be the flowers that bloom tomorrow!*

ATTACHMENTS REGARDING CONVENTION

Attached to this mailing, are two (2) items for your attention. One is the TENTATIVE Schedule for convention which may be subject to change as convention plans are implemented (the actual program will be in the convention book you receive upon registration at convention) and the 2nd, an amendment to information in the convention package. Please keep the convention organizers in your prayers as they undertake the work of providing us with a wonderful convention. Thank you, Trenton Council, for undertaking this endeavor!

Your Sister in Christ,

Tawnya Stringer