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Military Ordinariate Provincial Council

I was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and have lived in Nova Scotia for the first 20 years of my life. It was there I met my husband, Serge. We were posted to Trenton, Ontario, in 1982. I have five children—two boys and three girls.

Trenton is where I was first introduced to the League. I was asked if I would like to attend a parish council meeting. It was a perfect fit and I never looked back. I have been very active in the youth ministry teaching catechism, and acting as minister of the Eucharist and lector in my home parish.

In over 30 years as a member, I have held every position on the parish executive, with the exception of treasurer. In 1996, I was elected to Military Ordinariate Provincial Council. My first position was the Resolutions and Legislation Chair, a position that to this day is still my favorite. The next position I held was Education & Health Chair.

After my husband retired from the Military I decided to concentrate on other interests. Still continuing with my parish CWL council, I went back to school and took courses in accounting and business management. I then worked for a company that required travelling to stores across Eastern Canada.

I have always had a great love for children, and in 2007 I returned to school to pursue my degree in early childhood education. I then opened a pre-school, ran the school and was a teacher until August 2013, when I decided to retire.

I am blessed to be a part of the League. I still have many of the friends I made over the last 32 years. The ladies have been more than just sisters in the League, in some cases, they are as close as my family. The League has helped me learn more about my faith. For this, I will always be grateful.