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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



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Dear CWL Sisters,

In a very short time we will be gathered again for our Annual MO CWL Convention, to be held this year in Shearwater NS. Two years have passed quickly, and it is now time to elect a new slate of officers for our Provincial Council. Letters are on their way to CWL MO members who are eligible to let their names stand for election. According to the CWL National Manual of Policy and Procedure, the following rules apply for eligibility to hold office:

- At Parish level, all members who have paid their membership fee for the current year, with the exception of associate members, are eligible to hold office at the parish level subject to the Constitution and By Laws Article XV Section 2.
- At the Provincial level, present officers who, at the time of the election, have served a full term are eligible to be nominated. Parish Council presidents who have served a full term are also eligible.
- Officers and presidents shall remain eligible for three elections (6 years) following their term last served.
- A member shall hold only one office at a time at the level concerned. (The President Elect and Vice President shall also chair a Standing Committee, but this is considered one office).
- The term of office for elected officers shall be two years.
- An elected or appointed officer shall serve only one full term in the same office, except the standing committee chairpersons and the treasurers, who may be elected to a second consecutive term. A chairperson shall be given a different standing committee in her second consecutive term.

In addition, the Military Ordinariate Provincial Council of the CWL is subject to further guidelines. The Declaration as follows was signed by Bishop Theriault and LCdr MacKinnon in March 2012, just before our last Provincial election. It helps to define the difference between the Military Ordinariate Council of the CWL and other Provincial CWL councils.

DECLARATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

[Revised 2012]

The jurisdiction of the Military Ordinariate of Canada is personal rather than territorial. The Apostolic Constitution *Spirituali militum curae* of the 21st of June 1986 established the norms governing all Military Ordinariates and determined which people would come under their jurisdiction. The particular statutes of each Ordinariate may also include other groups of people closely affiliated to the military and affected by this particular way of life. The Military Ordinariate of Canada has always sought to serve those who are in active service, their families, as well as other specific groups who have contributed many years in this service to their country.

In 2008 a revision of our statutes was necessary due to the reorganization of the Chaplain Branch; the evolution of the Military Ordinariate; and updated particular law. As a result, the Catholic Women's League of Canada Provincial Council Statutes of Eligibility will reflect these changes in order to maintain the identity of the Military Ordinariate.

The following are the faithful of the Military Ordinariate of Canada:

- a. Currently serving military members, Regular and Reserve Force including Catholic of Eastern Rite, and their family members living with them in the same house¹ (spouse, children, parents, servants);
- b. Members of various Canadian police Forces attached to the military;
- c. Foreign military personnel serving with the CF and their family members;
- d. Civilian employees of the Department of National Defense who are subject to the National Defense Act and members of their family living with them;
- e. Those who attend or work at military training schools, or who work in military hospitals, veterans' retirement homes or similar institutions;
- f. Veterans and retired military members and their spouses who live with them; and
- g. Catholic family members of non-Catholic military members and veterans who reside in the same house.

In view of the unique status of these people and the common bond which they form due to their service to the Canadian Forces and the Catholic Women's League of Canada, all subjects who are CWL members of the Military Ordinariate are eligible to hold office both at the chapel and provincial level in accordance with National Catholic Women's League Constitution and Bylaws. No preference will be given to any of the faithful for the act of holding office. Sensitivity for those limited in time due to postings or situations outside their control should be taken into consideration by the voting body. Should a CWL member who is currently holding office cease to be a subject of the Military Ordinariate, then she is permitted to finish her term of office.

The Declaration of Eligibility for Holding Office in the Military Ordinariate Catholic Women's League of Canada Revised 2006 as of 12 March 2012 is hereby revoked.

Bishop Donald Thériault
Military Ordinary of Canada

LCdr Catherine MacKinnon
Chancellor

Once those who are eligible have confirmed that they are willing to let their names stand, each base council will receive a list of the names of those members, their home base council, and the office each is willing to let her name stand for (as well as the current office held if applicable). Brief resumes will also be included for councils to review. You will also receive a nomination form, which will become your council's instructed vote for the election.

This process is a little more complicated than parish council elections, but will be easy to follow as we go along. At any point, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me! The details (names) given to me as Elections Chair are confidential, but the process is clear and transparent, so please help me to make sure you understand what is happening.

As we get closer to Convention, there will be lots of information coming your way, both about the Convention itself, and about the elections. It's a very exciting time for all of us. Remember that I am only a phone call or e-mail away!

Love & Prayers,

Barbara