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



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**FROM:** Military Ordinariate Provincial President

**DATE:** January 17, 2016

**MEMO:** #9(2014-2016)

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*Dear Sisters in the League,*

Elections will soon be upon us, in our councils (if they have not already happened), for the Military Ordinariate and at the National Level. As you know an election is a formal and organized process of electing or being elected to a specific group or task. As this is a formal process I ask that you take the time to contemplate your decision. Ask God for clarity of mind. Making sure you put God first and foremost in the equation will only help you make the right decision.

Elections are also a very organized process. It cannot be achieved by one person. This is why we have an elections committee. No one can keep up with the ever changing events that happen in our Catholic Women's League and our lives. In order to keep the process simple, we need to have accurate records. It is not only the job of the council to make sure information gets passed along but also the individual to whom the information is related. After an election, whose responsibility is it to inform the Military Ordinariate, or National of changes to your executive? The list should be sent to the secretary and President of the Military Ordinariate with the complete names, mailing addresses, phone numbers and email address of each person and their position. The Military Ordinariate Officers should then send a memo to the newly elected member to welcome them and open the lines of communication.

As each of you know this is not always the case. People get posted and in the frenzy of a move forget to leave files or valuable information. Sometimes our life situations change and we do not return to our councils. The most important thing is to pass on information, not only to the existing Military Ordinariate Executive currently serving, but especially to the archivist and life members. They are our most valuable resources. The "keepers of the lists" if you will. I know that, Donna Penney and other members of the executive have been working on getting the lists up to date. While it can be a daunting job, each member can help ease the load.

When you are posted you are to send a change of address to National right away. You also need to let the Military Ordinariate know of your change of residence. Sometime members choose to

go to a civilian parish in which case, their membership needs to be transferred. I personally sent cards out at Christmas and had some returned to me with incorrect addresses. It is your responsibility to let the Military Ordinariate know of any change to your council right away.

As for the elections this year, if you have not received a letter from Donna Penney, Military Ordinariate Past President and Elections Chair, and you believe you fit the criteria please send her the information. A memo went out to all councils from the Military Ordinariate Secretary asking for the names of past and present serving presidents and their years of service. There was not a lot of response from councils so we had to go back to old records. As we know a few names were missed. Time is of the essence and as our convention is a month earlier this year we have to have all the information within the next few weeks.

Let's try to do our part in keeping the history of our beloved League up to date. Many hands make light work.

Take care and God Bless;

Your Sister in Christ,

***Shelley De-Serres***

Military Ordinariate Provincial President