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



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FROM: Military Ordinariate Provincial Past President

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Greetings CWL Sisters,

In preparation for the Military Ordinariate Provincial Council elections of 2016, I am sending this memo # 11 to educate the base councils on the eligibility as laid out in The Catholic Women's League of Canada 2013 Constitution & Bylaws and the Declaration of Eligibility for holding Office in the Military Ordinariate Catholic Women's League of Canada (please see down below). Please do not hesitate to contact me if your council has any questions/concerns.

Please discuss and take the appropriate steps, if chosen, to put forth a member's name by following the guidelines as provided for possible nomination to the Military Ordinariate Provincial Council for the upcoming elections. A full biography stating the base council and year originally joined, years of service, detailing the offices/chairs that were held in each base council, parish and various other volunteer participation is needed at the time of the notification of name. This should be **emailed** to me in its entirety by no later than January 20th 2016. This will enable all election material to be **mailed out** to the councils (as required) by the end of January for council meetings in February/March. The councils will then need to **mail** their instructed vote by March 15th 2016 to me (address below) to receive it no later than March 31st 2016 as convention will be early next year.

It is important to note: There will be no exception made for delay in mail, so please take appropriate steps to ensure I receive your council's instructed vote by the date stated. Please make sure your chaplain's office is aware and understands this is time sensitive material and it is vital your council receives it as soon as it arrives.

Thank you

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Constitution & Bylaws
2013

- At **Parish** level, only members whose yearly membership fee is currently in good standing (exception being associate members), shall be eligible for nomination to office, subject to the provisions of the Constitution & Bylaws 2013, Part XV1, Section 2.
- At the **Provincial** level, present officers (except the past president), who, at the time of the election, have served a full term are eligible to be nominated. Parish (Base) Council presidents who have served a full term are also eligible to be nominated.
- Provincial officers (except the past president) and council 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 the 1st and 2nd Vice President shall chair a Standing Committee, which shall be considered one office.
- If an officer, at any level has been removed in accordance with Part X1, Section 5, her existing eligibility is forfeited.
- At **parish** (base), **diocesan**, **provincial** and **national** levels, 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.
- If the time served by an appointed officer is more than one year, it shall be considered a full term.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Donna Penney

Military Ordinariate Provincial Past President

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
