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Welcome Back CWL Sisters,

In many provinces, the leaves have already started to fall, which means winter is just around the corner. As the season changes so must our tactics to recruit new members. This is the time for your imaginations to run wild ladies, the Catholic Women's League is not a tough sell and promotion is the key and speaking to the congregation after mass creates an atmosphere of curiosity, therefore, they may come back for more.

Welcome kits are essential for an organized council, consequently, new members are then given a good starting point and let's not forget our **CWL Binder**, which should contain our Military Ordinariate Catholic Women's League history, 2012 manuals (Standing Rules, Directive & Guidelines, Convention Planning Guide), the revised Bishop's Declaration of Eligibility, Maryline, agenda outline, memos, Military Ordinariate Admin Contact List, Base Council Contact List, significant anniversary dates and any other pertinent information, as knowledge is the crucial groundwork of a solid base council.

I have been busy setting the stage for the Military Ordinariate Provincial elections, you will be sent a list of the names for offices and chairs after Christmas. It is important to note, you may vote yes, no or abstain. It has come to my attention, that some councils feel, if there is only one delegate for the position that your vote does not count, that the individual will take the spot automatically and that is not the case. We are in a democracy and therefore, the majority rules, that is to say, they have to be voted in by the councils and if not, the spot will remain empty until another individual is appointed to the chair by the new MiLord President. This pertains to the chairperson's spot only not offices. **Offices are:** President, President Elect, First Vice, Second Vice, Secretary and Treasurer and all other stations are chairs. Please pray to the Holy Spirit to guide the Military Ordinariate and its members, as we proceed through the election process.

In October, it will be my honour to present the “Most New Membership” award to St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, CFB Petawawa to hang proudly in their annex. **Congratulations Petawawa!** This award is for the most new recruitments in a year in a base council. The council’s name is engraved on a bar that is added to the award yearly and kept at the council level until the following convention. The award was approved and introduced in 2012 and its first recipient was Our Lady Star of the Sea, CFB Esquimalt for 2013. Due to the time frame of the membership fees that are verified through National, the award is always one year behind. The next receiver will take the award for 2015 at the 2016 convention. If your council would like to see their name on this beautiful plaque get your welcome kits ready and recruit, recruit and recruit some more. Good Luck!

I would like to thank Our Lady of the Airways, CFB Ottawa for hosting a very heartfelt, inviting and momentous 2015 convention. I would also like to send my appreciation and gratitude to all our council members, chaplains, speakers, guests, National President, Barb Dowding and Ontario Provincial President, Betty Colaneri that took the time out to participate in our business, spiritual and social events and to all our past presidents/life members that attended the banquet, what can I say, you helped in making the Military Ordinariate Provincial 50th Anniversary banquet celebration a big hit with all the antics, humor and stories.

Bravo everyone!

Councils, please join me as we say good bye and thank our beloved MiLord Spiritual Advisor, Major Hope Winfield for 5 years of devoted and enthusiastically dedicated service, whose great love of the League will be sorrowfully missed as she retires from her role and starts the next chapter of her calling with 17 Wing Winnipeg with her husband. For those that are not aware, Hope was the first female Spiritual Advisor for the Military Ordinariate Provincial Council in its history, she has certainly blazed a trail that will be hard to follow.

We are blessed to have Father Chinedu Chukwu as our new Military Ordinariate Spiritual Advisor. Thank you and welcome aboard Father for stepping up to support and guide the Military Ordinariate Catholic Women’s League, an organization of strong willed and Christian Catholic women.

I would also like to announce, we have a new Military Ordinariate Provincial Archivist, Marguerite Johnson, life member and council president of Our Lady of Assumption, 12 Wing Shearwater. We would like to thank our Past MO Archivist, Julie LeLievre for all her dedicated work to the League and the long hours she has put in to keep the archives up to date.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

God Bless

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