

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
MILITARY ORDINARIATE PROVINCIAL CWL COUNCIL

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:

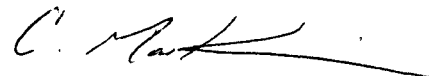
- a. Currently serving military members, Regular and Reserve Force including Catholic of Eastern Rite, and their family members living with them in the same house¹ (spouse, children, parents, servants);
- b. Members of various Canadian police Forces attached to the military;
- c. Foreign military personnel 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

¹ The phrase "In the same house" may also include a dependant of the military member who is temporarily away studying at University or college.