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To: Parish Council Social Justice Chairs

Cc: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Executive, Provincial Social Justice Chair

From: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, Diocesan Social Justice Chair

September brought us all back To Catholic Women's League activities.

I am the Social Justice Chair for the Diocesan council following the elections that were held in April 2024. That was an especially exciting convention as it saw a Resolution presented and adopted. This is the first resolution presented in our diocese in over 11 years.

Further, it was presented at the Ontario Provincial Convention in June and adopted with actions that councils can undertake to support, and will be scheduled for discussion at a future visit to the Provincial Government to advocate for change.

Congratulations to all members who were actively involved with this resolution from Our Lady of Hope council in Sudbury, the SSM Diocesan Council, Life Members and the Ontario Provincial Council and members from across Ontario.

That is what we are all about!

Visit www.cwl.on.ca to learn more about this resolution, and other active resolutions, and review the action plans to learn how you can engage your councils to support this League work.

Ontario Social Justice Award

It is important to recognize our members and encourage members to continue the hard work and commitment that they give. The Ontario Social Justice Award does just that. It is presented to members who have gone above and beyond to advocate and serve to promote social justice through their contributions to the community.

There is no limit on the number of nominations that can be put forward. This award will be presented at the 78th Ontario Provincial Convention, held in London, ON in July 2025.

I know there are many worthy women across our Diocese who are candidates for this provincial award.

Please review the attached criteria, and nomination form for specific reference and guidance on compiling a submission. There is a reference letter required, as well as a few signatures to obtain, so please act early to ensure the submission deadlines can be met.

Please scan/email your completed nomination forms and other required information to me to be received by November 10th, 2024.

Submission deadlines:

November 10, 2024 All submissions must be received by Diocesan Social Justice Chair
November 15, 2024 Diocesan President review and sign off
November 30, 2024 Ontario Social Justice Chairperson

As we respond to the National Theme; *Here I am Lord, send me*, and embrace joy, let's continue to *'Be the Light'* in our councils and communities.

With Thanks,

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh

Social Justice Chair
SSM Diocesan Council