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To: Parish Council Presidents, Secretaries, Parish Vice-Presidents

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Cc: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Vice-President

... "Come and see," said Philip... "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ... John 1:43-50

It is now a few months after our diocesan elections, a slower pace at the end of the summer picking up again as we head into the fall and start our parish meetings again.

I want to tell you how deeply moved I am to be elected as the Vice-President of our Diocesan Council. It is with the prayers and support of many who have gone before me that I had the courage to embrace this new position. It is my hope to get to know the members of our diocese over my term.

Membership, member development and Annual Reports make up a large part of my responsibilities. Our Diocesan Executive meeting is at the end of September. I hope to update you afterwards with the results from that meeting.

On August 24, I was contemplating my introduction when I learned about St. Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael. Pope Benedict XVI states, "The Apostle Bartholomew shows the followers of Christ that attachment to Jesus can be lived daily without doing sensational, extraordinary deeds." (EWTN). The biblical reference above is the calling of Nathanael by Jesus and the invitation to come and see by Philip. We too are called. Being a member of the Catholic Women's League, we have opportunities to try something new, participate differently, with the support of our sisters in the League. I know firsthand that there are helpers in the wings who will come when they are invited, asked. I have experienced mentorship from my parish council when I first stepped forward to participate, to our Life Members who walk with me now as I fulfill my role on the Diocesan Executive. No task is too big when sisters collaborate, the Lord wants us all!

EWTN article: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/bartholomew-6309>

I look forward to walking with you. May God continue to bless you and your members in all that you do.

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