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Recording Secretary

*Catholic and Living It!
Go Make a Difference
Reconnect*

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To: Parish Council Recording Secretaries

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CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Recording Secretary

St. Joseph, ... God chose you to be the chaste spouse of Mary; you stood at the threshold of the mystery of her divine maternity, and with her, accepted it in faith as the working of the Holy Spirit. You constantly watched over the Mother and Child with an affectionate care which protected their lives and freed them to fulfill their destiny.

(an excerpt from the Prayer to St. Joseph composed by Pope John Paul II)

I welcome any new and current Recording Secretaries to the term ahead and look forward to greeting you at meetings and convention. Please don't hesitate to connect with me if you are experiencing any issues.

When I was invited to put my name forth for Recording Secretary, I really didn't delve too deeply into the role and responsibilities. Hadn't I been in this role a couple of times in different parishes and didn't I work closely with the Secretary when I was President at the Parish level? Now, wearing these new shoes and with fresh eyes however, I am much more appreciative of this role at the Diocesan level and know that I have big shoes to fill.

In one of my daily prayers, part of which I quoted above, I beseech St. Joseph for support and guidance in my life. He was mostly in the background in the Gospels and yet ... he was chosen to give fatherly advice to Jesus as He grew to manhood, to teach Him the ins and outs of human existence, respecting its mysterious ways. His role wasn't flashy or prominent but rather necessary, a steady presence, a protector who allowed God's plan for salvation to unfold within the Holy Family and then beyond.

So too, your role ladies, is a supportive one to the President and the Executive, to keep and protect the records of the business conducted at meetings, and to be a dependable and contributing presence at the Officers' table.

We are challenged by our provincial president to '**Go Make a Difference**' and by our Diocesan President to '**reconnect**'. As women we are always up for a challenge! As Catholic Women's League members in Kingston Diocese, let's endeavor to reconnect with one another by whatever means possible. Let's pray too that all our activities in the forefront and in the background will make us stronger and expand our membership.

Respectfully submitted.