

The Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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Here I am Lord Send Me

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To: Parish Council Past PresidentsFrom: Nancy Richer, Diocesan Past PresidentCC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Past President

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever servers must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen" 1 Peter 4:10-11

We begin a new theme introduced by national president, Shari Guinta; "Here I am Lord send me" The graphic shows a woman with her arms uplifted toward the dove, representing the Holy Spirit. The olive branch symbolizes the world's struggle for peace. The woman is barefoot; she is aware that the road of social justice and service can be uncomfortable, but she is okay with that. The eagle feather represents the League's outreach to Indigenous men and women.

What a powerful message. The theme resonates within all aspects of the league, especially Past Presidents "service can be uncomfortable" but our league members step forward, hopefully those who are eligible for election will agree to serve this wonderful organization.

As past presidents, you are eligible to let your name stand for a position as a member of the diocesan executive. From a personal view point, I can't tell you how enriching this experience has been for me! My understanding of the League has grown by leaps and bounds, beautiful friendships have been made and a deepening of my faith has occurred. Remember, you need only to begin with a desire to serve. Together, with other executive members, you will grow and learn. It is a beautiful journey, one in which I sincerely hope your discernment will guide you into saying YES! I eagerly await the return of your forms sent to you in December. We need to hear back from each of you so please, the letter of regret must be returned as well. Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions you may have. Remember, forms received postmarked **after** March 1st will not be considered.

Respectfully submitted