TO: Parish Council Secretaries
FROM: Diocesan Secretary Debbie White
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CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Life Members, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Sisters in the League:

First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Debbie White, and I have been appointed as the diocesan secretary. I am a relatively new CWL member, from Our Lady of Lourdes in Stellarton, for the past 6 or so years. This position, and CWL, are still in the learning stages for me.

My secretarial background is from the 1974 era, when computers weren't even a part of the daily office. I took shorthand, typed on a typewriter, and used white out and carbon paper. Now that is dating myself! At 69, I'm learning to copy and paste, attend zoom meetings, email, attach files, etc. It is a learning process; one I hope to conquer over the next 2 years.

I tell each of you all of this to let you know that learning should never stop. You can teach an old dog new tricks; just ask my daughter. Not knowing everything should not keep you from saying "yes" to sharing your talents. And we all have talents!!

As secretary, the CWL offers so many ways to learn the specific requirements of each position within the League. The national website is one resource; your counterparts in the same positions, and your sisters in the councils are other great resources.

I look forward to my role as diocesan secretary. Should any of you wish to reach out to me at any time to have me share information with other councils please do so.

In closing, please make sure to send me your council's updated information so we don't miss sending you out the latest information.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over us and help us to be confident enough to share our many talents by saying *"Here I am Lord, send me!".*

Debbie White
Antigonish Diocesan CWL Secretary