

**Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada  
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Twenty-twenty-four is an election year for our diocesan council. Over the past several elections, there have been less and less eligible members who are prepared to let their names stand for election. The Pembroke Diocesan Council needs your help.

Early in the new year of an election year, the chair of the nominations committee, usually the retiring past president, sends a letter to all eligible members inviting them to let their names stand for election to the diocesan executive.

There are numerous reasons why members decline to serve on executive. Please take time in thought and prayer to discern if this is your time to say yes. In visiting several councils this past year, for Unity Outreach, I have met many talented members who are very capable. Don't hide your light under a basket. CWL members are called to be witness to the love of God. Say **YES** when you receive the call to serve on your parish or diocesan executive. Serving does require some work, but it is not all consuming, it is very fulfilling, and you do not work alone.

We need past presidents from parish councils to move to diocesan council and every council needs members who will accept the position of president in their parish councils.

I encourage you to peruse a couple of resources on the CWL National website. Go to [cwl.ca/resources](http://cwl.ca/resources). Check out #802 – A Short Exercise in Discernment. Another good resource is # 835 – The Joy of Leadership. Annette will be taking us through some of the highlights of this workshop this afternoon,

“Be not afraid to trust in God to take you where he wants you to go.”  
(taken from the CWL The Joy of Leadership workshop)

Respectfully Submitted