

**Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Spring Meeting, Mar 4, 2023, Oral Report**  
**Donna Provost, Christian Family Life Chair**

*"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God"*

Romans 8:28

This is my first report in my new position. To prepare I was looking through old issues of the Blue and Gold. I came across the 2009 issue in which I was the new Organization Chair and doing my first report in that position. I quote, *'I feel totally like 'a deer in headlights'*. That statement certainly applies here. I went on to say 'I truly am thankful for my fellow members in the League who I know are there to support me when I need their help and of course for the spirit of God who has guided me here'. In that issue I came across names of some ladies who are no longer with us and were mentors to me, Jacqueline Gaudreau, Joan Sicard, Rita Hemmings, Eleanor Foran and my convention travelling buddy Suzanne Mullins. Also Father Tait, who was Diocesan Spiritual Advisor who I came to rely on for guidance and who I loved deeply.

In his message Father Tait asked that we strive to be true peacemakers in our families.

In then CFL Chair, Lynne Kelly's report she spoke of her believe that if the home life is healthy, happy and working well our world would be the same. I received Directive #4 from Ontario Provincial Chair Betsy Currier in which she mentions that Pope Francis has a mission for Catholic families; 'Proclaim the beauty of being family with joy! Be families with big hearts! Be the welcoming face of the Church! And please pray, always pray.

Betsy goes on to say' Christian family life is all about living out our faith and Christian values. Our Catholic faith teaches us that we must love one another as ourselves. I firmly believe in doing this we will make a difference in our families, Parish, community and in ourselves. In a previous directive Betsy introduced the Faith in Action-Make a Difference project for 2022-2024. If you take up this challenge, she asks that you let her know your progress. I will forward you the template to make this easier.

As our Provincial theme says, Go Make a Difference!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in your endeavors.

Respectfully submitted