## Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada Annual Diocesan Convention, Chalk River, May 25, 2024, Oral Report Christian Family Life Donna Provost

First of all, I am so sorry I am unable to attend the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention. It is always a time of joy for me. A time of renewing friendships and meeting new CWL sisters as well as hearing great speakers and being spiritually uplifted.

This is my last report in the position of Christian Family Life Chair. It has been my honour to serve you in this position. In fact, with the new structure this position is no longer. However, the items under this committee are still important. Under the new committee of Faith, chairpersons will encourage all levels to uphold the sanctity of life and foster vocations.

With the new structure there will be challenges and change; some that we will like and some that we do not like. We humans do not like change, change is hard but let us try to embrace it. As Past National President, Anne-Marie Gorman said in the Spring 2023 League magazine and I quote 'as the country becomes more secular, keeping the League alive becomes even more important. Federal government departments listen to the League's collective voice'.

Pray for the success of the CWL as we move forward for God and Canada.

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

Respectfully submitted