

President's Report

April 17, 2023

Spring, I must admit is my least favorite season, that is, until I see the pussy willows come out. I know then, that soon there will be buds on the trees and the grass will start to have tinges of green where the sun shines the most on it. It brings me hope that the long dark days of winter are over and summer is near by.

Our Easter season is also a time of hope and renewal, which follows perfectly with the change in our seasons. I found an article dated April 23, 2017, by Michaela Ryan and Joy Tam wrote:

“ On Easter Sunday, Father Norbert reminded us that along with the miraculous resurrection, we are also celebrating a season of hope. He reminded us that “we can face anything, as long as we know or believe it will not last forever and that something better will happen.”

So, this has made me to think of what am I hopefully for, particularly with the CWL. In the past few months, I have asked about what makes us, us. What are we known for, where do we fit in, with our church, our community here and across Canada. Are we noticed the way we think we are?

This is why today we have done this exercise about Charism, to perhaps bring out and determine what we ourselves bring to the CWL and what does CWL bring to others.

I, like many others, believe in the CWL and the good that it does. But I feel we have become a bit complacent and perhaps being too comfortable with the things that we have done every year. Is this a good or bad thing? The National executive have spent much time, money and effort is trying to “shake” things up and I think it is time for us to perhaps do the same. A little thinking outside the box is perhaps what we need to get more of our members involved on a more consistent basis.

I do have hope that this can be achieved but it needs everyone's co-operation to make it happen. The executive can help facilitate changes, but should not be relied upon to know what those changes should be. Is it specific projects that we should be working on every year? Is it a group or organization that we should be helping out more?

So, what am I hopefully for? I hope that we can generate more buzz about the CWL by what we do. I hope that we can inspire more ladies to participate with our activities on a more consistent basis. I hope that members feel confident and comfortable in assuming executive roles.

But above all I hope that we continue to be a great council to belong to. We are a great team, but perhaps just need a bit of tweaking here and there.

And yes, above all, I hope we continue to laugh and enjoy our time together.

So let us laugh:

About two weeks ago, God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the repulsive behaviour that was going on. So, God called one of the angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When she returned, she told God, "Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not."

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were being good because He wanted to encourage them give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

Okay, just wondering. I didn't get one either.