



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW ZEALAND

Te Ropu Wahine Katorika o Aotearoa.

WELLINGTON ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Dear CWL Members,



I am pleased to announce that we have a **new President**: Susan Lloyd's appointment has been endorsed by the Archdiocesan Council. She will be commencing her term of office as President on the 4th May. Susan is well known to all, needing no introduction. As a very committed member of the Catholic Women's League, in many roles, for a long time, Susan also has had the wonderful advantage of having worked with many role model Leaguers from past years, so brings a wealth of expertise to this new phase of the Archdiocesan Council. Last year the Upper Hutt Branch honoured Susan with Life membership. Thank you, Susan, for accepting this position.

As you will recall from my Bubble Newsletter on 17th April, we also welcome Anne Lumb as Mission officer for the Council. Anne McGrath has agreed to join the Council, we welcome her and look forward to discovering her skills, talents and interests in aspects of CWL for Wellington. Whenever we are able to gather as Archdiocesan Catholic Women's League members, we will be ready to resume our Faith and Service activities. We pray that that will be safe and soon.

DAY OF REFLECTION with Joy Cowley planned for June has been deferred to a time when we can all gather safely and with hope!

It has been a privilege to work with you during the past four years, getting to know you all in the process. Remembering names can be difficult at times, so thank you to those who wear their name badges at our Archdiocesan gatherings, a welcome prompt for all of us! Thank you to all whose smiling faces are so affirming and encouraging, when we gather together, because this has been a big step into the unknown for me. As a Branch League member, I enjoyed the wonderful fellowship of the Onslow Branch for about 35 years, I thank them for their continued positive affirmation and wonderful Faith support during that time. My gratitude, too, to the Archdiocesan Council for their patience as I tried to learn, and for their ongoing support. The unknown I stepped into four years ago, has been a challenge and a blessing. Hopefully we will all be able to gather again, albeit in new or different ways in whatever future lies ahead for us all. Our last theme "Women Welcoming Change" and our new one "Kia Kaha – Courage: Take Heart" have both been very appropriate for us in these times of Lockdown, and into the future

May God bless the Catholic Women's League into a future of adaptation and flourishing, accepting new ways, addressing & continuing to support Faith and Service in our actions for the benefit of all.

Many blessings on all you do

Christine Paterson

Archdiocesan President CWL