



March 2, 2025

Dear Fr. Robert and parishioners of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish,

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the Catholic Women's League Council at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, Ottawa. We were happy to welcome your reactivation and excited as we watched your council grow. We rejoiced with you as you served, and stood on guard with you as you said your final goodbyes to deceased members. We know that you had a difficult decision to make when your council voted to disband. Lack of leadership is usually the reason for disbanding, as it was with your council.

In the Spring of 2023, Fr. Robert brought to our attention some difficulties he was having with the leadership of the CWL council in the parish. Several meetings occurred to try to resolve the problems in person, by email, and by phone conversation. Both the National CWL president and the Provincial CWL president were sought for advice. A decision was made. As the official representative of the CWL in the parish, the president was asked by me to resign. She had completed her 2 year term and it was time for the parish council to have an election to elect their new executive. With no one coming forward to take the position of president, we were informed by email that a vote was taken on December 7, 2024 at a CWL meeting that it was unanimously decided by those CWL members present to officially disband the CWL council at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

A final meeting was held between myself, Fr. Robert, a couple of parish representatives, and any CWL members who wished to attend on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Members were understandably upset with the decision to disband, but by the end of the meeting everyone present agreed that the disbanding of Resurrection of Our Lord CWL Council would proceed as planned.

Please know that your parish is in my prayers.

Sincerely,

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