

## From the Province Director

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I was packing up everything for my first meeting as province director, and this quote came to my inbox from Jane Carter, our National Leadership Commission chair:

*Pray for us to be good servants: good servants, not good bosses! All of us together, bishops, priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful must offer the witness of a Church faithful to Christ, animated by the desire to serve our brothers and ready to meet with prophetic courage the spiritual expectations and needs of the men and women of our time. May Our Lady accompany us and protect us on this journey.*

— Pope Francis, February 23, 2014

I knew that everything was going to go just fine. The drive to Plover, the new meeting location, the caterer, all the details that were going through my mind would work out because Our Lady of Good Counsel is with us always. The diocesan presidents and spiritual advisors arrived safely, and the meeting was very productive.

Since I have become more involved in the Council of Catholic Women, I have called this my spiritual journey. I have been open to answering this call, sometimes I feel like I am being pulled by something so great. It is definitely the Holy Spirit guiding me along. This can happen to you too. Be open to it. Listen closely. Are you being called to something more? All you have to do is say yes. We are all here to help.

We need more leaders at every level in Council, in the parish, diocese and archdiocese, districts, deaneries, and vicariates. My prayer is that everyone calls their president today and offers to help, especially in a board position.

The New Leadership Commission Program is “Follow Me: Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead.” This program will help members at all levels of leadership. You will read more about this in Catholic Women magazine and Connect. You are all leaders; you just need to listen to the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to seeing you at your convention. God Bless.