



Barbara Diemert
Kitchener Regional Chair

Barbara has lived most of her life in Kitchener-Waterloo, going to school at St. Mary's Grade and High Schools. Her husband of 46 years, Marv, died in 2003. They have 4 grown children and 9 grandchildren, all of whom we are very proud.

Barbara is a member of St. Francis parish Kitchener for 48 years and has worked for the Congregation of the Resurrection (CR) since 1994, in both full and part time positions. Through the CR's, she was very fortunate to be part of a 4½ yr. Pastoral Ministry Certificate Program out of Loyola University, New Orleans. Throughout that program she was able to see how the Spirit has been interwoven throughout her life, family and her volunteer service in her parish and community.

As for many of us, service begins with PTA when your children are in school; support for Catholic education as president of St. Jerome's Mothers Guild; then in St. Francis, as team leader for bazaars and funerals, Eucharistic minister, correspondence catechist for the diocese, team member RCIA. She facilitated various small groups, especially Celebrating the Word out of Resurrection Centre. For the past 10 years she has continued to offer a support group for the bereaved in the area.

She has been so blessed to be able to serve on the parish CWL executive in different capacities and as president and co-president. The fact that the League is a National voice of Catholic Women with all the wonderful accomplishments it has achieved drew me to it and continues to sustain me there.

The Legislation Chair sent a communiqué quoting: 'We are like a large collection of branches reaching out to the world. If one branch stands alone it could easily be broken, but standing together there is strength and fortitude ... branches entwined will be forever strong with love glowing for the entire world to see!'

Wow! This is why, when the Spirit asked, 'How about Regional Chair?' she was move to say, 'Here I am Lord.'