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Report to the 2020 Annual General Meeting

At the time of the 2019 AGM, there was a vacancy for the role of Assistant Lay Director; it went unfilled until early in the new year, when Secretariat appointed me to the position, and I relinquished the Leaders/Servant Community Directorate. Other than to support the Lay Director in his duties, I have tried to understand my new role as well as David's and to carry out responsibilities as best I could during the pandemic.

In September 2019, Richard Cherry completed his second two-year term as Weekend Coordinator. This is a very challenging position and Secretariat acknowledges with gratitude Richard's hard work in this position. No one has yet accepted the portfolio, so we are especially grateful that Richard supported the 128th Women's Team in November 2019. We are also grateful to Lona Beck (OACM supply coordinator) who worked with Lyse Morin (2nd Detail – 128th Women's Weekend) and me on the weekend boxes by culling, re-organizing, and labelling them. This helped to streamline logistical organization for the Women's Weekend.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has had such an impact on all aspects of life and our Christian worship. With the cancellation of summer Ultreya's and the postponement of both our 2020 Cursillo weekends, it seems that OACM is on hold, in a manner of speaking. With little activity since the March 1 Welcome Back, our 2019-20 term has been truncated severely.

So many of us are older folk in or edging towards the higher risk age groups. I am not sure when many of us will feel safe to gather in person, though parish worship in our buildings can resume on September 6, 2020. Since we may not be willing to gather in large numbers until at least late autumn or winter, Secretariat met virtually in August. The decision to convene the Annual General Meeting via Zoom may, ironically yet happily, attract more Cursillistas to the AGM on September 29 (see the email, the website or our OACM FaceBook page for details).

Many organizations have decided to retain their board memberships for the next term. In the case of OACM, this would mean that short of filling vacant positions, your Secretariat would remain the same until next September. There are a few items that we can still proceed with, including the revisions to the application form and a thorough review the weekend binders.

Please keep your Secretariat in your prayers as we move tentatively to resume some activities over the coming months. And hold up our Lay Rectors and teams as they plan our 2021 weekends: Men's May 14-16 (Rector David Piercey) and Women's November 5-7 – both at the Maison Notre-Dame-de-la-Providence).

Blessings and Ultreya!

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