

Madeleine's convention speech

- How have I responded to God's call and been inspired by the Spirit?
- When I was elected to the position, I looked at the binder with the information containing all the names from all the people who would need a card sent at some point during the year, I thought wow, but I prayed about it, I came to realize that it didn't have to be done in 1 day and it is quite manageable, and that did not include all the extra's that may occur during the year, like get well cards, or thinking of you or the condolences or other occasions which may need to be addressed.
- As the corresponding Secretary of the London Diocesan council I need to make sure I am conveying on behalf of the Council. Sending a word of encouragement can be uplifting precisely because of our all too human tendency to focus on the negative.
- When I need to write out a card for someone I pray for help from the Holy Spirit, I try to find a suitable card which is a challenge at times and thinking about the person and the nature of the words I need to convey. Sometimes it is for condolences, congratulations re: anniversaries of ordinations, birthday cards etc. I usually write it out on a piece of paper before I write in the card.
- It is not always easy to think of the message I want to write, conveying condolences is sometimes a challenge to write, especially someone I have known for quite some time.
- It has been a wonderful privilege to serve as your corresponding secretary for the past 2 years.
- May we be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and guided by of Our Lady of Good Counsel.