



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Doreen Gowans, national 2nd vice-president and chairperson of communications

TO: Parish chairpersons of communications

CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (on request)

Dear parish communications chairpersons:

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love" (Pope Francis). When encountering individuals during this Lenten season, let's communicate through humility, compassion and love!

Strategic Planning

Keep informed and up to date by visiting cwl.ca. Under "Quick Links" found on the home page, click on "Implementation of the Strategic Plan" which will direct you to available resources. Visit often as updated information will be posted to this site.

1-888 phone number

At the winter meeting of the national executive/board, it was decided that the 1-888 telephone will be discontinued. National office staff is informing callers that this toll-free phone number will be discontinued and are encouraging callers to follow the communication chain of command.

Communication Policy: At the winter meeting of the national executive/board it was decided that the 1-888 telephone line be discontinued effective June 30, 2019. For all information, concerns and/or inquiries the flow of communication starts with the parish council and follows the chain of command to Diocesan then to Provincial and then to National.

Pornography Hurts

Was your council active in sending out the Pornography Hurts postcards to the prime minister, the federal minister of justice, members of parliament and members of legislative assembly? Take action by printing copies, signing them at a meeting and mailing them free of charge. The postcards and printing instructions may be found at cwl.ca. Click on "To Organize", then "100 Series" and scroll for items #178 and #179. Might I also suggest printing off *Facts: Trafficking and Pornography* from our website cwl.ca. Pornography is linked to human trafficking and human trafficking occurs in communities across Canada. Consider assisting in member education of this horrific activity and help rid the country of human trafficking. When sending postcards ask a question to the respective government official that requires a response. Include your name

and address on the reverse side of the postcard. If the card is returned, please resend it. A federal election takes place this fall. Let's ensure the League's voice is heard.

Plagiarism as defined in the Oxford English Dictionary is "the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own". In today's world of technology, it is easy to Google to find a quote and use it. However, members **MUST** always identify the author. This also holds true with the work of members and spiritual advisors. When quoting from other members we must identify it by stating "in Mrs. Smith's communique", or as stated "on the Vatican website", then we are able to quote the information in written or oral reports. When direct quotes are used in your written work and being sent to someone on another level of the League, copy the direct quote and include it as an attachment with your report, so others have the actual wording of the quote. For example, when I use quotes in my articles for the magazine, I include a copy of the quote when I send my article to national office, so they can verify the wording I've used is accurate. This is a time saver for the staff as they not only have to verify every quote in the articles, but also do selective testing of word groupings to show the selection is not a quote from another author.

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel mass will be televised on Friday, April 26th on Vision TV. It will be taped at Loretto Abbey Chapel, 101 Mason Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, Thursday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m. Encourage members to check local television listings for air time.

The emphasis for this year's theme **Care for Our Common Home** is on water. Consider gifting a water well through Chalice. For more information visit info@chalice.ca.

CWL Prayer for Renewal

(available at cwl.ca, quick links, implementation of the strategic plan)
Please use at meetings and gatherings.

God of new beginnings, ever faithful God,
we thank You for your constant care for
the women of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
We have sought to serve You in faith by service to your people.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel,
we continue to discern Your call to seek justice
and build Your Kingdom on earth each day.

We ask your guidance as we plan the evolution of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength.
May each of us open her heart and mind to Your will and welcome the new life You bring to the League.

We ask this through Jesus, Your beloved Son and Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. AMEN.

Your Sister In the League



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