



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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TO: Parish chairpersons of spiritual development
CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents, life members (on request)

Our joy in God is missionary: “‘We have found the Messiah’... He brought Simon to Jesus... ‘Come and see’” (Jn 1:41-46).

Greetings chairpersons of spiritual development,

Did you know members of the national executive/board write communiqués to their provincial counterparts on a regular basis? Once sent, they are also posted on the League’s website, cwl.ca, for all members to read. I do hope members, especially parish council executives, take advantage of this reading material.

Spiritual advisors and pastors should receive *The Canadian League* magazine. Please ensure they know about it, and if they are interested, that your council purchases a subscription for them. The council may also wish to order extra copies to put in the parish library or on other available reference stands in the church.

October is Extraordinary Missionary Month. The League has initiated a National Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions. Although it is still early, parishes are encouraged to take part in activities that may be directed from the diocesan office. The League encourages supporting Canadian home missions, in particular, Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC), a national permanent national voluntary fund. October 1st has been chosen for the League’s National Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions.

Parish councils are encouraged to:

- Have an activity highlighting mission work in Canada.
- Have a guest speaker at a meeting.
- Say the *Prayer for Canadian Home Missions* (below).
- Donate to the CMIC national voluntary fund through national office.
- Make an extra effort to do something prayerful for missions on October 1st.

The Holy Father's intention for October is "The Laity's Mission in the Church. We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

Prayer for Canadian Home Missions
Catholic Missions In Canada

Heavenly Father,
we pray for our
Canadian home missions,
from sea to sea to sea.

Take into Your care,
through our prayer,
our brothers and sisters in faith.
We ask protection
and strength in faith, hope and love.

Grant zeal with compassion
to the missionaries
who share the Gospel.
Let Your face shine upon them.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.