

# Spiritual Development Annual Survey - 2021

ID. Council Code (e.g. HY-071)  
name

## Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As spiritual development standing committee chairperson, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

Please fill out the form even if you do not have a chairperson of spiritual development. We greatly value your input into the spiritual activities of your parish council. The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of this report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing the survey. It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what interests your members.

Cathy Bouchard, National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development

## About You

Q1 Parish Council Name:

Q2 Parish Council Registered Town:

Q3 Parish Council ID number:

Q4 Reporting to:

Q5 What is your name?

Q6 Is this position filled or vacant?

Filled

Vacant

Q7 If filled, were you elected as a standing committee chairperson, or were you invited by appointment to fill a vacancy?

Elected

Appointed

## Spiritual Growth of Members

The spiritual dimension sets the League apart from all other women's organizations.

Q8 How did you help your council learn more about the national theme, *Care for Our Common Home*? List activities.

Q9 Does your council spend one third of the business meeting on spiritual growth programs and activities of members?

yes

no

Q10 If you answered no to this question, please explain the reasons.

Q11 What type of liturgies and programs have you organized for your council this year?

Q12 How many retreats or programs of at least two hours in duration with a focus on spiritual development were organized by your parish council in 2021? [For strategic planning feedback.]

Q13 How did your council celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26th?

Q14 How did your council celebrate CWL National Faith Day on September 19th?

Q15 Does a spiritual advisor attend council meetings?

- |                                        |                                 |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> always           | <input type="radio"/> sometimes |
| <input type="radio"/> most of the time | <input type="radio"/> never     |

Q16 Do you have your spiritual advisor on your meeting agenda?

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|

Q17 What role does your spiritual advisor play in your council? List the ways:

Q18 Identify how you have personally developed your spirituality.

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> daily rosary         | <input type="checkbox"/> journaling              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> novenas              | <input type="checkbox"/> retreats                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> liturgy of the hours | <input type="checkbox"/> divine mercy recitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bible study          | <input type="checkbox"/> spiritual books         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prayer partner       | <input type="checkbox"/> other                   |

Q19 List other sources of inspiration.

Q20 Do you use the national website resources that are available?

yes

no

Q21 If yes, which ones do you find helpful?

## Study of Catholic Teachings and Role of Women in the Church

Faith is a way of life which is characterized by a constant and ongoing conversion and renewal of mind and heart. Members must constantly be in the process of spiritual growth. Women are called to take an active and responsible leadership role in the church's life and mission by actively participating in the League, church and community.

Q22 Did you encourage your council and members to study and discuss Catholic teachings and the role of women in the church?

yes

no

Q23 If yes, give details.

Q24 On October 3, 2020 Pope Francis released *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)*. Has your council studied this encyclical?

yes

not yet

Q25 Pope Francis asked the faithful to pray the rosary daily in May to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Did your council participate?

yes

no

Q26 Members are called on to work toward the kind of personal development and structural evolution which would enable the church to reflect more fully the partnership of women and men in Christ's mission. In response, what leadership roles have your members undertaken in the church?

- |                                                        |                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> canon lawyers                 | <input type="checkbox"/> pastoral associates       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chancellors/vice chancellors  | <input type="checkbox"/> regional pastoral council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> diocesan council/committees   | <input type="checkbox"/> trustee                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parish committee chairpersons | <input type="checkbox"/> none of the above         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parish finance committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> other                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parish pastoral council       |                                                    |

Q27 Other, Please describe.

Q28 Have you joined your parish liturgy committee?

- yes  There is no liturgy committee in the parish.  
 no

## Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Members are called to lead all people to encounter Christ. The League's mission will remain incomplete until we can say we have shared not only our material goods with others, but more importantly, our gift of faith.

Q29 Did your council participate in the CWL Day of Prayer for Home Missions on October 1st? If so, please check all that apply.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> organized rosary                          | <input type="checkbox"/> special activity                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> special prayer given to members to recite | <input type="checkbox"/> other                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> had a guest speaker                       | <input type="checkbox"/> We did not participate in 2021. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> visited a local mission                   |                                                          |

Q30 The Catholic Women's League of Canada officially supports Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC) through donations provided by members and it is a permanent national voluntary fund. If your council supports CMIC, list how and type of assistance.

Q31 List other missions in Canada that your council supports and type of assistance.

## Lay Ministries

The strength of the ministry of the League can be measured in proportion to the depth of members' spirituality.

Q32 Please list the lay ministries you have personally participated in during the year.

- |                                               |                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> catechist            | <input type="checkbox"/> lector                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> choir/music          | <input type="checkbox"/> sacristan                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> usher                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to participate.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> facilitator          | <input type="checkbox"/> I choose not to participate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hospitality          |                                                       |

Q33 Please list the lay ministries your council members have participated in during the year.

- |                                               |                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> catechist            | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> choir/music          | <input type="checkbox"/> lector      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> sacristan   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> usher       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> facilitator          |                                      |

Q34 Please note if any of these ministries is chaired/organized by a CWL member.

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> catechist            | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> choir/music          | <input type="checkbox"/> lector      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> sacristan   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> usher       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> facilitator          |                                      |

## Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

Ongoing interfaith dialogues have revealed vast areas of common action and result in the collaboration of churches on a range of social issues.

Q35 In what ways has your council reached out to women of other denominations or faiths?

- |                                 |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                 | other churches        | other faiths          | both                  | neither               |
| initiated joint prayer services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

- invited women to council meetings
- invited women to social events
- joint speaker

Q36 Did your council promote awareness of or participate in any of the following ecumenical activities?

- |                                              | yes                   | no                    |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fellowship of the Least Coin                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Women's Inter-church Council of Canada       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| World Day of Prayer (March)                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| WUCWO Day (May)                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Q37 Did your council promote awareness of or participate in any activities with any of the following interfaith groups?

- |            | yes                   | no                    |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jewish     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Muslim     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Buddhist   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Indigenous | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hindu      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Q38 If yes to any of the above, briefly describe the activity.

## Summary and Final Thoughts

What training did you receive in support of your spiritual development position this year?

Q39 At diocesan level?

Q40 At provincial level?

Q41 At national level?

Q42 What training would you recommend be provided for this position next year?

Q43 Do you have any new ideas, projects, workshops you have used that have good results? If none, please leave this section blank.

Q44 What information did you receive by way of communique or other method that you found useful to share with your members at meetings this year? List below the topic and source.

Q45 Share a success story from this standing committee. If none, leave this section blank.

Thank you for taking this survey. Your input helps the board to understand the priorities of councils for future planning.

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