

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

COMMUNIQUÉ #1

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TO: Sister Parishes in the Prince Albert Diocese

FROM: Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Melfort, Saskatchewan

The church strives to live out the call of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to go into all the world and make disciples. Currently Our Lady of Consolation parish is striving to make disciples within our parish by encouraging parishioners to come into a relationship with Jesus Christ. At the moving of the Holy Spirit we will reach out to people in our community and encourage them to enter into a relationship with Christ and to help their faith grow to maturity.

To develop our parishioners Our Lady of Consolation parish has completed the following programs: Forming Intentional Disciples, Ananias Training, Catechism, Children's Liturgy and Initiation into the Sacraments (First Communion). The Catholic Women's League helps to nurture our people by praying, teaching, and providing fellowship, support and opportunities for service.

The C.W.L.'s outreach ministries include: assisting at the annual Memorial Mass and monthly Masses at the long term care facilities of Parkland Place, Nirvana Nursing Home and Diefenbaker Place. We encourage youth to have a lifestyle of prayer by presenting Rosaries to first communicants. The Catholic Women's League visits the ill and elderly who are shut-in, in nursing homes and in the hospital. We bring communion, fellowship, prayer; encourage them and help meet their needs. The C.W.L. works at all funerals held in our Church. For Literacy Day we give books for the Marguerite Riel Centre to keep and for the children to take home, and we read to the children. For residents of Parkland Place celebrating birthdays in November we purchase gifts, make and serve cake, and arrange for a musical group to entertain. In the month of December we bake cookies and deliver 27 Christmas tins to the clients on our visitation list, catechism teachers and children's liturgy teachers.

The Catholic Women's League is currently preparing for a family event/retreat to take place on April 7, 2019. The theme of 'Regaining our Sense of Purpose' will bring together the new beginnings of Lent and the new life of Spring. The program will include: a pot luck lunch, praise and worship, activities, prayer and speakers. The two Diocesan Youth Coordinators will facilitate this event. A special invitation will be extended to this year's graduates in an effort to develop their relationship with Christ and equip them to live in His service as they venture out in the world.

We advocate living in a relationship with Jesus in order that we may spread the gospel in accordance with the commission that He gave us. We work to develop vibrant parishes where the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are evident in the lives of the parishioners. We are hopeful that all ages will join the journey to maturity as intentional disciples.

While we have the opportunity let us work diligently to build the kingdom for the glory of God.

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