

Prince Albert Diocesan Council Spiritual Development Communique #13
Lorraine Thibeault, Spiritual Development Chairperson, November 18, 2020

“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.” Collect for the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Soon Advent will be upon us. We begin focusing on “preparing the way of the Lord” in our hearts and in the hearts of family, friends, enemies and strangers – waiting, watching, anticipating and preparing.

The time of **CWL Annual Report Surveys** is upon us. I encourage each Spiritual Development Chairperson to complete the survey for her council. Presidents, if you do not have a Spiritual Development Chairperson, please complete the Spiritual Development survey for your parish. You will be able to answer most if not all of the questions. The link to open the survey online is <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160157708037>. Once the survey opens, you will have to put in your Council Code which begins “PA -“ followed by your council number. Ask your president or membership/organization person for your Council Code. You will need it to begin completing your survey online.

If you are completing the survey by hand, please submit it by December 15 to the National Office at Catholic Women’s League of Canada, C-702 Scotland Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 1X5. You may go to [https://cwl.ca/ under To Organize – 1000 Series – Spiritual Development](https://cwl.ca/under%20To%20Organize%20–%201000%20Series%20–%20Spiritual%20Development) to print your own copy. When they ask for your parish Council ID number, just use your Council Code again. Do not hesitate to call if you need any help.

Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Albert Thevenot: Our beloved bishop, Albert Thevenot, is retiring this month. I would like to suggest that we present him with a spiritual bouquet. A spiritual bouquet is a card notifying the recipient of a number of devotional or sacramental acts on behalf of him/her on a special occasion (in this case, Bishop Thevenot’s retirement.) I ask you to contact me with the prayers, masses, poems, etc. and your words of thanks to Bishop Thevenot for his service to us in the Prince Albert Diocese. I will combine these on a card and send it on to the Bishop on behalf of Prince Albert Diocesan CWL. Spiritual Development Chairpersons and Presidents who do not

have S.D. chairpersons, are asked to contact their CWL members, collect their offerings of prayers, masses, etc. and send them on to me. Thanks to each of you for this work collecting offerings. The deadline to send your offerings to me is December 1st (two weeks from today.) You may either email, mail or call me and tell me over the phone.

Advent Resources: Our National Spiritual Development Chairperson, Shari Gunta has recommended some resources in her November 3, 2020 communiqué:

- a. *Living Faith Advent: Daily Catholic Devotions*
- b. *Jesus' Family Tree: Praying through Advent with the Jesse Tree*, by Stephenie Hovland
- c. *Praying the Jesse Tree: Devotions for Advent*, by Debra Grant
- d. *Prince of Peace: Family Devotions and Activities for Advent*, by Sarah Reinhard
- e. *Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ*, by Michael Hoy
- f. *And the Word was God: Advent Devotions, Inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen*, by Christopher Klofft

These resources may be found at www.creativecommunications.com or [en.novalis.ca](http://en.novalis.ca/en.novalis.ca). To see Shari's full communiqué, go to <https://cwl.ca/> – [Communiqués – Spiritual Development](#). Also, check with your parish to see what resources they have. Our Diocesan Office in Prince Albert also has a great selection of Advent resources that you can use.

Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Take care. God bless.