



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESAN COUNCIL
National Theme: Care for Our Common Home

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Communiqué #1

"Spiritual growth is the very heart of the League and the essence of its existence. The patroness of the League is the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel." (from the CWL Executive Handbook)

To: Parish Spiritual Development Chairpersons (for action)
Prince Albert Diocesan President (for information)
SK Provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson (for information)
Parish Presidents (for information)
Provincial Communications Chairperson (for inclusion on website)



From: Lorraine Thibeault, Prince Albert Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairperson

Good Morning, Ladies and Reverend Doan and Reverend Fiolleau:

The sun is shining, the wind is blowing, and summer seems to be on its way. I am so excited to be your new chairperson for the Diocesan Spiritual Development Standing Committee. Over the next two years, I plan to send you lots of resources to use in your parishes for the spiritual development of your members. You are welcome to use what I send or to provide your own resources for the use of your parish CWL members. In this first communiqué, I wish to share with you what is involved for you as Spiritual Development chairpersons at the parish level. Don't expect to do everything, but be loyal in your commitment to the spiritual development of your members.

Each time you work on spiritual development activities, be sure to say the Chairperson's Prayer.






"Dear Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my standing committee and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness or impatience. Please bear with my faults, looking only to my intention, which is to serve You in the person of each member of the Catholic Women's League. Increase my faith, bless my efforts and work 'For God and Canada'. Amen"

Our foci (duties) as spiritual development chairpersons are:

- Spiritual growth of members
- Study of Catholic teachings
- Role of women in the church
- Evangelization and mission assistance
- Lay ministries
- Ecumenism and interfaith endeavours

The particulars of each focus may be found in the Executive Handbook. The challenge you have taken on as a parish spiritual development chairperson seems daunting. Remember the following:

-  You are not expected to do everything. Many of the actions are already being handled by someone else. You are not expected to take over that role from someone in the parish who is already doing it, but you are expected to support them in their work.
-  You are encouraged to delegate aspects of your duties to other members.
-  You will never be bored, because there is always something that can be done from the list of duties.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH of MEMBERS: The spiritual dimension sets the League apart from all other women's organizations.

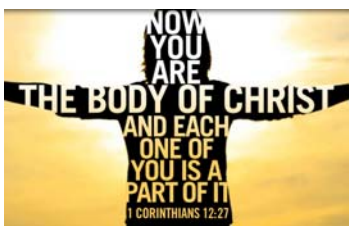


STUDY of CATHOLIC TEACHINGS: Faith is a way of life which is characterized by a constant and ongoing conversion and renewal of mind and heart. Members must constantly be in the process of spiritual growth.



ROLE of WOMEN in the CHURCH: Women are called to take an active and responsible leadership role in the church's life and mission by actively participating in League, church and community.

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.



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

ECUMENISM and INTERFAITH ENDEAVOURS: Ongoing interfaith dialogues have revealed vast areas of common action and resulted in the collaboration of churches on a range of social issues.



Take care. God bless.

Lorraine Thibeault, Prince Albert Diocesan Spiritual Chairperson