

Regina Diocesan CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE COMMUNIQUE #1
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To: CWL Parish Christian Family Life Chairperson
From: Agnes Smith

Greetings and God's Blessings to all my sisters in the League. This is my first communique as chairperson of Christian Family Life for the Regina Diocese. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me through the next two years. I am looking forward to this new experience and I have found that all the women on the Diocesan Executive are very helpful and very friendly. My husband and I live in Lafleche where we moved after we retired from farming a few years ago. We still go out and help on the farm whenever our sons need some help. We have five children and 15 grandchildren who all live within one and a half hours from us. They keep us pretty busy!

It is an exciting time in the League as we look forward to the results of the strategic planning initiative. I am sure a lot of good work is going into this project.

As we enter into the Advent season we as Catholic women are given an opportunity to minister to many in our Parish and community. This is a time to look a little closer to find ways that we may be able to help those who are in need - a senior may need some company, it may be a first Christmas alone for some, and some are going through financial or emotional challenges. We as women in the League can do so much to bring Jesus to the people of our community during the Christmas season.

Pope Francis has stated that we should model the Holy Family in our own families, mothers of today could learn from Mary's care of her Son and fathers could benefit from the example of Joseph who devoted his life to supporting and defending his wife and child in difficult times. The family of Nazareth calls on us to rediscover the vocation of the family to make love normal instead of hate, to make mutual assistance a common thing rather than indifference or enmity. The Pope went on to say that this is the great mission of the family: to make a place for Jesus when he comes, to welcome Jesus in the family, in the form of children, husband, wife, and grandparents. We need to welcome Jesus, so that He can grow spiritually in our families.