



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Ontario Provincial Council



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Directive # 4

On-Line Newsletter: It came to my attention that although I had submitted something in the On-Line Newsletter, not everyone may have received it. I strongly suggest that you request this informative newsletter. (see right hand side on the Provincial website) Once your name is on the mailing list, it automatically comes to your inbox. Click on the link and you will be able to access a lot of up-to-date information from the different provincial chairpersons and articles submitted by the different dioceses.

In the October On-Line Newsletter I submitted the following: **Pornography Hurts Campaign** - I have heard from the National Communications Chairperson, Shari Guinta, with regards to the Pornography hurts campaign. It is suggested that each diocese send in the cards at a time that suits their needs. Traditionally this campaign happened in October, however, it is most important that you still send in your cards at whatever time you deem suitable rather than having a designed month for your diocese.

Shari Quinta, the National Communication Chair, in her latest directive # 6, comments on the effectiveness of Post Cards especially the "Pornography Hurts" Campaign. She says that some MP say "yes" they are effective and others say "No", while others have returned them to sender. All are in agreement that a phone call or a letter to your MP are definitely more effective. She then tells a story of a lengthy postcard campaign, where the desired effect was attained....the message was that perseverance does work.

She also encourages members to send and express their views to the privacy commissioner on personal privacy and freedom of information, where you should be able to have better control/tools over social media to delete posts about themselves and/or have the right to challenge information that's illegal, inaccurate, incomplete or out of date.

Web Wednesday: As has been tradition, Wednesday, is usually the day that we ask all members to check the websites at the Diocesan, Provincial, and National levels for any new information.

Facebook: Also you may want to follow the Ontario Provincial Facebook page for inspirational messages, prayers etc. We would ask you to please like and share to extend our reach. We currently have "40 days of Lent" meditations to complement your prayer life.

Mary, Mother of the Church: Pope Francis has inserted the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church into the Roman Calendar on the Monday following Pentecost Sunday. To read the article see:
<http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-03/pope-institutes-new-celebration-of-mary--mother-of-church.html>

Conventions: Towards the end of next month, many dioceses will be having their annual convention. Some will even be having elections. Please keep all executive and members in your prayers...for some it may be the first time they chair a convention and for others it could be their last...both can be very stressful and emotional. We wish them many blessings as they continue on their CWL journey.

Don't forget to check out the website for more details on the Provincial Convention coming up July 7th – 11th, 2018, at the Marriott Hotel in Toronto. Click the following link for more details:
<http://www.cwl.on.ca/sites/default/files/bulletin/1643.pdf>

Homelessness: Even though Spring brings warmer weather, please keep in mind that many homeless people still need our prayers and our help to keep going. Please continue to donate clothes, food and other items that can help make their lives a little bit more pleasant.

As spring brings new life, green pastures and sunny days, may you all experience the renewal of your faith life, a changed and contrite heart, eyes that sees deep within the souls, warmth of friendship and family and may you be the loving face of Christ to others!

Wishing you a blessed Lent, a faith-filled Holy Week and a Joyous Easter!

Marie-Theresa