



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Archdiocese of Edmonton

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, PRAY FOR US

To: Parish Spiritual Advisors
Spiritual Development Chairpersons
Council Presidents
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SPIRITUAL ADVISORS' COMMUNIQUE

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This being my second year as the Archdiocesan Spiritual Advisor, I feel a whole lot more grounded in what the CWL is and how much you all do for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. So **thank you!** I know of your commitment to your parishes, the Church and the League. Keep up the good work!!

One item that weighs heavily on my mind is the reality that it is not always easy to work well with your parish priest. Most councils have a wonderful working relationship with their parish priests and I commend you all for the hard work you put into making that relationship work. That being said there are some councils that do struggle to build that relationship of trust. I want to see what I can do over the next several years to make that difficult situation better.

I am under no delusion that I have all the answers to this difficult issue. As long as there are different people and personalities involved in the League, parish and priesthood there are going to be conflicts and friction. That is normal and healthy, and we must find ways to work together. That is the primary focus of the Church is to take a diverse group of people, find a healthy way to work together, and work together to bring each other to heaven.

In this the "Year of the Priest", may we make it a priority to support our parish priests and to show it in a way that they will understand clearly that we support them. If we begin from a position of generosity and love, we cannot but build a deeper relationship of trust. Let us all capitalize on this year of grace for the priesthood, to deepen our relationship with our priests for the League, for our parishes, and for the Church.

Please let myself and/or President June Fuller know of any difficulties and any way we can support you all in your desire to work more fully with your parish priests and thereby allow your council to function better. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers as we serve together this year in the League.

For God and Canada,

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