



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Archdiocese of Edmonton

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, PRAY FOR US

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To: Spiritual Development Chairpersons
Council Presidents
Zone Chairs

I look forward to the journey ahead and very honoured and humbled in my new role as Vice President / Spiritual Development Chair. As our beautiful summer comes to an end and we enter the fall season may we always remember that the spiritual growth is at the heart of what we do in the League. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit and Our lady of good Council that we will wisely serve our sisters in developing a deeper love for Jesus.

Annual Reports

With this communiqué you will receive your Parish Council Annual Report Form that must be completed and submitted by December 15, 2009 to Zone chairs. In many ways, the report is also an excellent planning tool for your role as Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chair. There are numerous ideas to inspire you in developing creative and touching spiritual programs to your council. The CWL theme for the next two years is "Women of Peace and Hope".

Spiritual Development Planning

Thank you to all the spiritual development chairpersons for choosing and preparing prayers and programs that inspired councils across the country, as recorded in the spiritual development annual report. Notably few Councils reported on using "*One in the Spirit*" yet. Please take advantage of this program. It will reveal your own personal style of prayer and those of your council members.

Year of the Priest - June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010

In March, Pope Benedict XVI announced that June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010 is the *Year of the Priest* to encourage "spiritual perfection" in priests. Archbishop Smith launched the Year for Priests Starting June 19, the year presents an opportunity to express thanks for the gift of the ministerial priesthood and to pray for the ongoing sanctification of those who exercise this sacred office. Continue to pray for our priests, thank them for all they do and help them where ever necessary. Make them feel very special.

Nothing More Beautiful

Following are the dates for the next year of Nothing More Beautiful.

Jesus Christ: The Word of God Made Flesh – Thursday, October 29, 2009

Jesus Christ: The Way, Truth and Life – Thursday, December 10, 2009

Jesus Christ: Lamb of God and Bread of Life – Thursday, February 4, 2010

Jesus Christ: Crucified and Risen Lord – Thursday, April 15, 20

Jesus Christ: Revelation of the trinity – Thursday, May 27, 2010

“There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel.” – Pope Benedict

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC)

The CCCB has many good Catholic books and pamphlets that may be of interest to councils. Visit the Web site at <http://www.cccbpublications.ca>.

Reporting Deceased Members

Please remember to submit the Form for Deceased Members to myself, our provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson, Gloria Lundberg and National Office. The form is available on the diocesan website at www.cwl-edm.ab.ca

Many wishes for a peaceful summer and much enjoyment with your family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you at the Diocesan Fall meeting at Sacred Heart Parish in Red Deer.

Your sister in the league

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“*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.*” (Philippians 2:5)