



Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Spiritual Development Communique # 2
One Heart, One Voice, One Mission
(Together We Serve)

To: Diocesan Counterparts (*For distribution to all parish councils*)
From: Mary ten Brinke, Nova Scotia Provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson
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Copied: Provincial President, Peggy MacNeil and Executive (for information)
National Chairperson, Jacqueline Nogier (for information)

Provincial and Diocesan Executive members met the end of October in beautiful Mabou, at the Renewal Center, for a workshop entitled "Linking Us Together". We had a wonderful time sharing ideas and praying together. Each committee had the opportunity to meet their counterparts and discuss our responsibilities within our committees and this was also a great time to put forth ideas and plans for the next two years. Special emphasis will be put on:

Spiritual Growth of Members

- at our meeting – do you have a sacred space, is it visible (not just on a desk – something that catches your eye)
- 1/3 spiritual 1/3 social 1/3 business
- have a spiritual reflection – either at a meeting or have a day of spiritual reflection
- use the liturgical year to help organize your meetings/prayers
ex: advent – emphasis on advent at your Christmas meeting instead of Marion

Role of Women in the Church

- Women don't just join the C.W.L. because of the fun/enjoyment of it. They should also join because the C.W.L. makes them feel good spiritually.
- Role of women in the church should not just be liturgical. It should also be catechetical, Social Justice etc.

Book of Life

Send in the name of deceased members, as soon as possible, after their death to National. Please make sure the spelling of their name is the same as it appears on the membership list, The names **must** be sent in by December 31st in order for their name to appear in the Book of Life in the year they died.

Prayer Room – Provincial Website

My sincere thanks to Carol Pottie and Carol LeBlanc for putting together the Prayer Room on the Provincial website. I will be adding a prayer or reflection the beginning of each month, which you may use at your meetings/gatherings.

Funeral and Honor Guard Protocol

There have been changes/revisions made to the Funeral and Honor Guard Protocol in our National Manual Policy & Procedure on pages 38 – 39. I encourage members to review these pages and become familiar with the protocol for deceased members. It is the duty of the Spiritual Chairperson to make sure these protocols are followed.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme this year is “**Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us**” and is the week of January 18 – 25, 2017. There are resources in English and French which can be downloaded free from the website of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC). Print material can also be ordered online.

Please read a link on the provincial website from the **Atlantic Episcopal Assembly**. It is a pastoral reflection on Medical Assisted Dying. It is signed by all the Bishops of the Atlantic Provinces. I would like to remind my two Diocesan counterparts to distribute this communique to all parish councils. This, or any communique, cannot be altered. I would also ask that the Diocesan counterparts please “cc” me on any and all communiques that they send out.

“May the Lord of peace himself give us peace in all time and every way! May the Lord be with us all!” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)