



**Nova Scotia Provincial Council Catholic Women's League of Canada
Special Communique – Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass**

Care for Our Common Home

To: Nova Scotia parish CWL council presidents
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Nova Scotia provincial honorary life/life members.

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Dear presidents and all sisters in the League,

We have all been experiencing the impact Covid-19 has had on our traditional liturgical celebrations, especially this past Holy Week and Easter. The traditional "Our Lady of Good Counsel" feast day celebrations held by many parish CWL councils have become another casualty because of the inability to gather together.

The leadership for the CWL parish gatherings for the celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel rests with the parish councils in our province. However, in response to queries for guidance and information from some councils, the Nova Scotia provincial CWL executive has reflected on ways that members could be supported during this very challenging time.

1. Information has already been circulated through our provincial and diocesan councils regarding the Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass that is being televised on Salt and Light TV on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 11:00 (EDT). This is sponsored by our National CWL council.
2. Fr. Patrick, our Nova Scotia provincial CWL spiritual advisor, will livestream, via Facebook, a special "Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass" on April 27th at 11 am. The Mass will be recorded so that it can also be watched at a later time.
3. While the remembrance ceremonies traditionally held during the feast day Masses cannot be carried out at this time, it is possible for councils to arrange with their parish priests/spiritual advisors for a Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin at any time in the future. A special parish council remembrance ceremony could be held during this Mass.

None of these actions truly take the place of gathering in person for our much beloved feast day celebration for Our Lady of Good Counsel. They are, however, interim measures that may fulfill some of the needs arising during this unique time in our lives. If you have any questions or need for more information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Presidents, please circulate this information to all of your members.

Our Lady of Good Counsel please pray for us.