

Kingston Diocesan Council
Communications Chairperson

“I have called you by name you are mine”

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Communications are evolving so rapidly that it is difficult for most of us in today's society to keep up with all the ever changing methods by which one person can communicate with another. The reaction of the media can have a positive or an adverse effect on how society views certain customs and traditions such as the phrase “Merry Christmas”. Chris Cobb of Postmedia reported in an article in the Edmonton Journal that this greeting is back in vogue as noted by faith leaders and retail gurus. Retailers do not wish to offend Christmas shoppers so a simple thing like this greeting is now okay.

The Catholic Women's League National website has launched a new aspect called CWL Forum which is similar to Facebook. Members can ask questions, chat, and offer suggestions. To access this media tool use forum.cwl.ca and let National Office know how you feel about this new addition to their website: cwl.ca and also remember to read the *Be League* magazine which offers a wealth of information on various topics. Video footage will be created nationally and will be made available to all councils.

The Ontario Provincial Council is requesting that the Kingston Diocese submit **articles** to their online magazine to be featured in their February issue. There is still time to send in items - which should not exceed 100 words and a photo or two would be ideal. Send these submissions to Stephanie at stephspin@gmail.com and to Maureen at alaurin2@cogeco.ca

The **Pornography Hurts** postcards are still available. Members should include a short message in question form, name and return address to your Member of Parliament and the Prime Minister.

Sexting is a term used by young people to send sexual, nude and semi-nude images electronically. Cathy Wing of Media Smarts speaking at a symposium in Winnipeg stated that 15% of grade 11 students have sexted and boys are the ones to forward the sexts to their friends.

April 2nd. has been designated as Pope John Paul 11 day in Canada due to a private members bill that received Royal Assent.

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