



**The Kingston Diocesan Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

Spiritual Development

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

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To: Parish Council Spiritual Development Chairpersons

From: Margie Norwood, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair

CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Spiritual Development Chair

*" If I speak in the tongues of man or of angels
but do not have Love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."*
Scriptural 1 Corinthians 13:1

Resources: Anna Tremblay - Ontario Provincial Spiritual Development
Anne Madden - Provincial President

Web Sites:

- www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Living%20Out%20Laudato%20Si%20En.pdf
- www.canada.ca/en/employmentsocialdevelopment/programs/communities/homelessness/understanding.html

Welcome to all Spiritual Development Committee Chairpersons. This is indeed a true blessing for you to be a part of the Catholic Women's League in this ever-changing world. We have the stability of knowing Our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Council, is right here with us. In praying the League prayer daily, you feel united to over 83,000 women, asking for strength and the ability to share with others at home and abroad. It is so important to start your day with the League Prayer.

Since the issue of *Laudato Si* in 2015, Pope Francis has called on all mankind " to care for the earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family." We are so very blessed to live where we live. The devastation of Hurricane Harvey makes us all realize that the beauty around us should not be taken for granted. Climate change affects everyone, but particularly the poor and vulnerable of our society. " We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it " - Pope Francis.

Remember what our duties are as Spiritual Development Chairs:

- Spiritual growth of members
- Study of Catholic Teachings
- Roll of women in the Church
- Evangelization and mission assistance
- Lay ministries
- Ecumenism and interfaith endeavours

Anne Madden, our Provincial President, has asked us to focus on Homelessness during her term. Each area of the province has unique and individual needs and issues. Check out the websites above that address homeless with suggestions for action.

As members of the Catholic Women's League, we have been blessed with many talents. Please do not hide them but walk full of hope, assurance, security and confidence, learn to dance through life and look to the Lord for Love, Peace, Joy, Patience, Kindness and Goodness to share with others at home and abroad, for it truly is in Giving that we Receive.

Your Sister in Christ,

Respectfully submitted.