



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

Spiritual Development

Care for our Common Home

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To: Parish Council Spiritual Development Chairs

From: Lyne Tuepah, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair

CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Spiritual Development Chair

"Let us not grow tired of prayer: confidence works miracles."

St. Therese of Lisieux

My name is Lyne Tuepah and as your Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair, I'm here to assist you in your responsibilities in any way I can. Now more than ever, we should start with a focus on prayer. I would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on how this standing committee could be of more assistance during these unprecedented times.

PROTOCOL for DECEASED MEMBERS

It has come to my attention that I am not being notified of all deceased members in a timely manner. As this could result in some of our sisters not being recorded in The Book of Life, I would like to remind Presidents and Spiritual Development chairs of the process for reporting deceased members.

From the Executive Handbook:

"...It is fitting that council members take time to remember deceased members in a special way. Parish councils should discuss, review, and set a basic policy for remembering deceased members. It is essential that the spiritual advisor be consulted as customs and requirements vary from parish to parish..."

...As soon as possible, complete the Form For Reporting Deceased Members, signed by the council president and/or spiritual development chairperson. Send the completed form to national office.

Provincial chairpersons of spiritual development will review, revise as necessary, and approve a complete list of all deceased members for their province as compiled by national office for inclusion in the Book of Life.

(NOTE: the Book of Life is used at national, provincial, and diocesan conventions as a symbol of those faithful deceased members. Many parish councils have also made a Book of Life for use at special CWL Eucharistic celebrations or prayer services) ..."

As Diocesan Spiritual Development chair, it is my accountability to ensure all our departed sisters in the Kingston Diocese are included in the National Book of Life, as well as keep our Diocesan Book of Life up to date and current. It is the leagues way of honouring our members for their service to the League and remembering them in our prayers for years to come.

This is made possible by each council, either the President or Spiritual Development chair, reporting deceased members to National in a timely manner.

There are two ways to accomplish this:

1. Complete the Form for Reporting Deceased members, available from www.cwl.ca under To Organize; 500 series Forms. Make sure it is complete and signed then either mail it or scan it and e-mail it. The address is at the bottom of the form.
2. Online at membership.cwl.ca (council online administrator only), under Membership section, Report a members passing.

Please use one reporting method or the other – do not submit both.

Report within one week of member's passing if possible.

Advising me (lyne.tuepah@bell.net) will help with timing however the most important group to notify is National. I receive notifications from them.

On our own website, www.kingston.cwl.ca under Prayer Corner, the list of all our departed sisters for 2020 as well as 2019 are listed. Take a minute to ensure all your councils deceased members for the last 2 years are listed. If there are any discrepancies, please advise me asap.

It is also the hope that by making this list available for all, you will continuously pray for their souls.

Study of Catholic Teachings

Faith is a way of life which is characterized by a constant and ongoing conversion and renewal of mind and heart. Members must constantly be in the process of spiritual growth.

Looking for some light reading while isolating?

Pope Francis has recently released his third Encyclical Letter called Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship. A PDF version is available on our diocesan website under Resources. Consider reading and reflecting on this most timely message.

Respectfully submitted.