



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

Spiritual Development

Care for our Common Home

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"Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught – it is an invitation to a way of life" – Joe Paprocki

At the National convention in August, incoming National President Fran Lucas announced the new league theme for 2022-2023 will be: **"Catholic, and living it!"**. I foresee this standing committee being front and center, with an abundance of opportunities to grow this idea.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

Even though in-person meetings have been scarce in the past 20 or so months, it is important, perhaps now more than ever, to stay connected with your members. Many councils have taken to on-line / virtual gatherings, not only to conduct a little business but to growth spiritually. There have been get-togethers to recite rosaries and prayer ceremonies. In the warmer weather, councils have gathered safely outside to pray together for various causes. Calling our shut in sisters, asking them to pray for specific intentions and offering to pray for theirs can go a long way in keeping everyone involved until we can safely gather again. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

Also under this sub-section, we are called to facilitate the study of the League theme. Although a new theme has been announced for January, we must not abandon our current theme. On October 25th, the League launched 'Care for God's Creation Resources' to assist in our ongoing efforts. In their words:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is pleased to gift its members with the Care for God's Creation Resources through the work of the Catholic social teaching working group. As children of God, Catholics must be committed to being good stewards of His gift of creation. This resource will provide members with knowledge and awareness in the Catholic social teaching of caring for creation. The current national theme of Care for Our Common Home is reaching the end of its term; however, members are challenged to continue to care for the environment; to live at a planet-sustaining pace so that the world they enjoy may be enjoyed for generations to come.

You can find the document on the National website here:

<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/625-Our-Common-Home-A-Crash-Course-Module.pdf>

STUDY OF CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

It is every Catholic faithful's duty to growth in our beliefs by continually looking for learning opportunities.

In line with this thinking, on September 10th, National also gifted us with 'Catholic Social Teaching Resources'. This is what they said about it:

The League is pleased to provide members with the document [Catholic Social Teaching Resources](#). It provides numerous resources that address social justice and Catholic social teachings (CST) under various headings with links and descriptions. Included are "Prophets Among Us" of people who advocated or worked to make a change in the world. These prophets will inspire members' work for social justice. The information in this document will lead the League into the future to continue the work of advocacy through social justice and Catholic social teachings.

You can find this document on the National website here:

<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/624-Catholic-Social-Teaching-Resources.pdf>

ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH ENDEAVORS

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 is in January, suggested for the 3rd week. The theme is: 'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him (Mt 2:2)'. You can access resources at: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>. There are suggestions for organizing events, an 'Eight Day of Prayer' Bible study, activities for children and posters to promote your event. If you plan to participate, please send a description and pictures of the event to our webmaster!

If you are interested in any of the suggested programs mentioned in this directive but are not sure how to go about it, please reach out to me or anyone on the Diocesan executive. We would be happy to assist in any way we can.

Respectfully submitted.