



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

Christian Family Life

*Catholic and Living It!
Go Make a Difference
Reconnect*

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To: Parish Council Christian Family Life Chairs
From: Bernadette Veitch, Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair
CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Christian Family Life Chair

Attachments: [Calendar of Special Events]

***"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,
you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40)***

I am pleased to send my first directive as the Christian Family Life Chair for the Diocese of Kingston. Although I have been a League member for many years, I am looking forward to the challenge of a "new" position and excited to start on this adventure with my colleagues on the Diocesan Executive, and you, new and returning Parish Council Chairs.

Our provincial president Linda Squarzolo has chosen for her theme over the next two years **"Go Make a Difference"**. In our standing committee, we have so many options to address her theme. Our responsibilities include marriage and family, sanctity of life, vocations, and ministry to youth, seniors, single, widowed, divorced, and separated. Sounds like a daunting task, but if we drop a pebble in our own Parishes, it can ripple across the Diocese.

In all of these areas we can firstly pray, pray unceasingly, for those mentioned above. We also have the duty of friendship and walking along with them on their journey:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for friendships. Thank you that You created us to be in community.

*We pray over those who are lonely and in need of friendship. You say in **Ecclesiastes 4:10**, "If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Would you please help them to see that You are their friend?*

Would you open their eyes to potential relationships around them? Give them the courage to initiate with others. Heal where there has been hurt or rejection in the past. We pray for others to take a genuine interest in friendship with them and pray that they would feel seen and loved by the church and You.

In the coming directives I will give suggestions for resources to become deeper involved in these ministries, and how we can help and **"Go make a Difference"**.

Respectfully submitted