



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

### Spiritual Development

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

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**To:** Parish Council Spiritual Development  
**From:** Angela Town, Diocesan Spiritual Development  
**CC:** Diocesan Executive, Provincial Spiritual Development

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Attachment: Protocol for Deceased members and Book of Life Protocol from Executive Handbook (3 pages)

**"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

My name is Angela Town, I am your Spiritual Development Chair. Whether you are a newly elected parish Spiritual Development Chair or heading into your 2nd year, I am here to assist you in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### **Keeper of the Book of Life**

There has been some confusion as to who reports to whom with our deceased sisters' names. Each quarter, the Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairs should report all deceased members to the Provincial Spiritual Development Chair. So please forward on to me, the deceased members of your councils, so I can in turn, pass them on to the provincial Keeper of the Book of Life. It is also imperative that all deceased members are reported to National either online or by mail.

#### **Spiritual Growth of Members**

➤ *involve sick or shut-in members in prayer for League intentions*

We are all very good at praying at meetings. However, if that's all we do for Spiritual growth, at very least, we are shortchanging ourselves and at best, we are only involving a third of our membership. If we truly believe in the power of prayer, why not ensure everyone is praying by creating a prayer team? We could be intentional about asking members who find they cannot attend meetings due to time constraints, our silent members and especially our ladies who can't get out due to aging or illness. Make a point to visit them personally and ask them to pray for your council, your parish and any other intentions. Give them copies of our newest League prayers such as CWL Prayer for Renewal as well making sure that all members have received their copy of the prayer book from our most recent Convention. Revisit them on occasion to update your prayer requests and thank them for their service. I believe this would go a long way in feelings of inclusion and usefulness; not to mention the great things that prayer can and will bring.

## **CWL Prayer for Renewal**

God of new beginnings, ever faithful God,  
we thank You for your constant care for  
the women of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.  
We have sought to serve You in faith by service to your people.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel,  
we continue to discern Your call to seek justice  
and build Your Kingdom on earth each day.

We ask your guidance as we plan the evolution of  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.  
Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength.  
May each of us open her heart and mind to Your will and welcome the new life You bring to the  
League.

We ask this through Jesus, Your beloved Son and Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.  
AMEN

Respectfully submitted.