

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Kingston Diocesan Council

Summary of ORAL Report given at:

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Office/Standing Committee: **Spiritual Development**

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- As you know the League has undergone a strategic renewal. The existing standing committees were reduced to three to align with the core values of faith, service and social justice
- **Faith** Spiritual development is the essence of the League. The core value of faith is what sets it apart from all other women's organizations. The League was established in 1920 as a lay organization of Catholic women who worked and advocated for social justice but who also valued their spiritual development.
- Members honour Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, as their patroness. Mary responded to the Lord's call despite doubts. Her faith is an example for all members.
- Councils are encouraged to provide opportunities for members to experience spiritual growth through prayer, recognizing the sanctity of life, study of Catholic teachings, awareness of the role of women in the church, encouraging vocations, ecumenism and interfaith endeavours, studying and implementing action plans of adopted resolutions that pertain to faith and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (pro-life legislation, reproductive technology, euthanasia), and circulating information that enhances the Church's teachings.
- We are now transitioning from the different standing committees to three main committees. The new faith standing committee will be responsible for spiritual growth of members, study of Catholic teachings, role of women in the church, ecumenism and interfaith endeavours, as well as sanctity of life and vocations which were previously part of the Christian family life standing committee. I encourage you to continue your spiritual growth individually and through the League, "For God and Canada".

Respectfully Submitted