

Objects of the League - a Spiritual Perspective

7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world

Women have a unique vocation to safeguard humanity and bring about peace. We must enable each person to acquire new freedoms proper to Christianity, to appreciate the value of relationships and to rediscover different experiences of culture. Whatever our role in life, we have each been instilled with the desire to support, affirm and teach our women where they live and work of the important issues, to instill the belief and conviction of what we have and hold as Catholic women and to convince our sisters that they (we) hold the key to hope and have the necessary gifts to build peace. Science won't save society, love will, for love convinces more than reason; it convinces deep in our soul.

Edith Stein (St. Benedicta of the Cross) wrote in her discourse on the feminine soul, "To cherish guard, protect, nourish and advance growth is her natural, maternal yearning."

Edith Stein impacted the church's view of women; she was active in important circles of education and philosophy until deprived of her position. She is known to have had significant influence on John Paul II even in his earliest days as a young priest – the feminine influence indeed!

Saints are concrete models for so many women who long to live their own baptismal identity as lay people with greater depth and awareness while seeking their mission in life. Looking to a greater presence of women in families, education, politics and economics, the cultural sphere and the church, we see a future filled with hope, the hope that springs from Christian education and values consistent with our church teaching.

Discuss:

- a) What do you see as your role, personally?
- b) Give some examples of how we can defend and promote Christian education and values in the world.