

A Short Exercise in Discernment

For Parish Councils before Election Process



LEAGUE PRAYER

We humbly pray You, O God our Father, to bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill Your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Amen



We begin with the following premises:




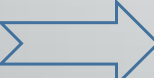

1. Everyone has been gifted by God.
2. The gifts we have are not the same as the gifts others have.
3. All gifts are precious, none is greater than another.
4. All gifts fill a part of God's plan for His people.

Questions for personal reflections

1. Think of one thing that you do well. When do you do it? Why do you do it? When did you learn to do it? How long did it take you to learn how to do it? Do you enjoy doing it?
2. Have you ever been asked to do something that you had never done before and you said “no”? What was this invitation? What happened? Were you ever asked again? Do you wish you had given it a try?
3. Have you ever been asked to do something that you have never done before and you said “yes”? What was it? What happened?

Exercise in Discernment

- On the list provided, there are 20 spiritual gifts with descriptions.
- Place the symbol that best describes your situation (more than one could apply)

	<i>Place a happy face beside those you are doing now</i>
	<i>Place a star beside those you should be doing.</i>
	<i>Place a triangle beside those you could easily do if you wanted to.</i>
	<i>Place an arrow beside those you would have to work hard to do gracefully.</i>
	<i>Place an X beside those you would not enjoy doing.</i>

Take away reflections

1. What characteristics would be of importance for a leader in the League, e.g., for the president, the standing committee chairpersons, the secretary, etc.
2. What position would you consider given your responses to the gifts listed?
3. What is the greatest obstacle to allowing your name to be considered for an executive position in the League?

Conclusion

Reading: 1Cor. 12:4-11

Response to closing prayer:

The gift I have received, I will give as gift