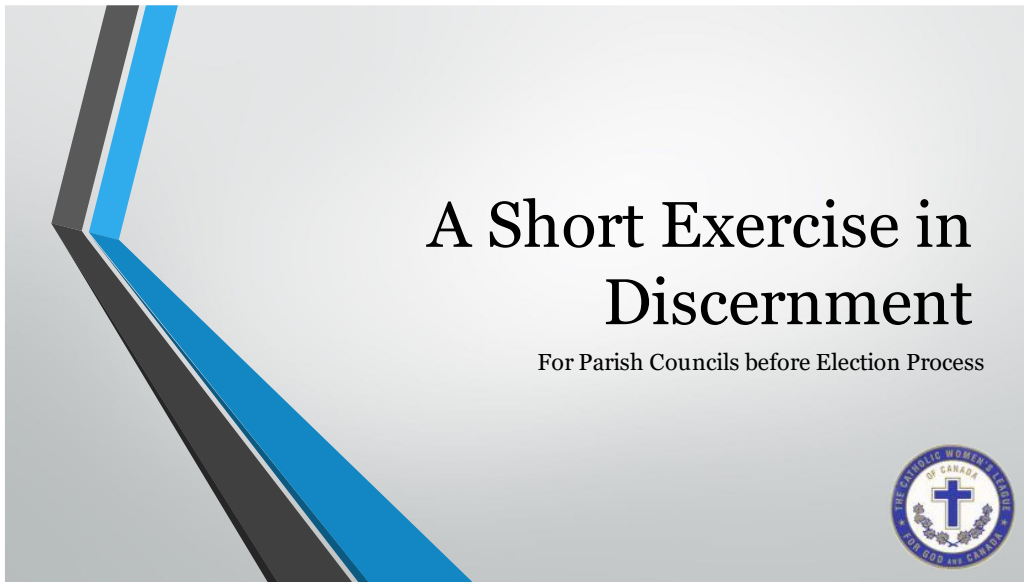
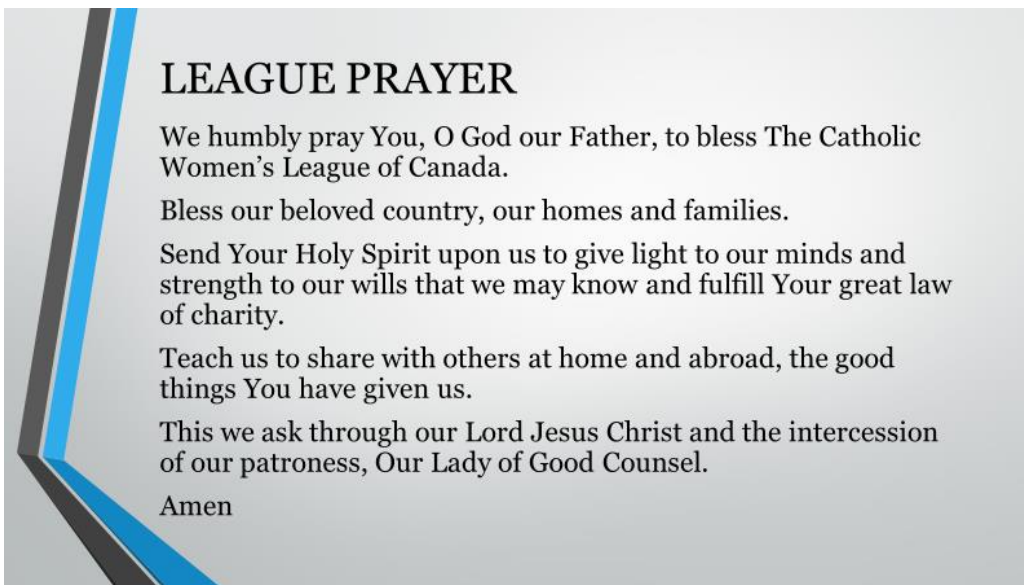


A Short Exercise in Discernment – SPEAKER NOTES

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In our League Prayer we have asked Creator God to "Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills...."

And He will. And He does.

The Spirit works within us, shows us what He wants us to do and be, nudges us, leads us and pulls us.

We have been gifted by Creator God, gifted with charismas, gifts that are given to be used for others, special gifts for the good of others.

God calls all of us to recognize, develop and use these gift ...in our journey with our sisters and with Christ in the League.

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?

As I read through some questions, reflect on your personal situations – be honest with yourself in your responses.

This is a personal reflections, no need at this time to share your answers.

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>

We must all continue to grow in wisdom and holiness.
You have been gifted by God.
What are your spiritual gifts?

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?

God has gifted each of us.
We use and develop our God-given gifts to use in the service of God's people.
He calls us to service.
Is God calling you to serve as a member of the executive?

Conclusion

Reading: 1Cor. 12:4-11

Response to closing prayer:

The gift I have received, I will give as gift

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1. *You have received mercy, kindness and unconditional love from our God. **R.***
2. *You have many physical, emotional, mental and spiritual abilities that can be used to better the lives of others. **R.***
3. *You have people in your life who have believed in you when you did not believe in yourself; people who stood by you in difficult times. **R.***
4. *You have a heart capable of great compassion, empathy and tenderness. **R.***
5. *You have inner strength, the grace of conversion, the gift of hope, the desire for good. **R.***
6. *You have food on your table, clothes in your closet and a roof over your head. **R.***
7. *You have the opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth in your relationship with your God. **R.***