

Spiritual Development Annual Report - 2017

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As parish spiritual development standing committee chairpersons, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of this report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing this survey. It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what your members interests are.

Jacqueline Nogier, National Chairperson of Spiritual Development

1. Is this position vacant? *

- Yes No

2. Are you completing this survey on someone else's behalf? *

- Yes No

3. On whose behalf are you completing this survey for? Please enter the name of the chairperson. *

Spiritual Growth of Members

The spiritual dimension sets the League apart from all other women's organizations.

4. Has your council studied the theme *Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call* and, if so, in what ways?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Held a retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepared prayer services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosted a workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflected on the theme at meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invited a guest speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't studied the theme |

5. The national website provides ready-made prayer services and workshops to assist councils in developing the theme. Has your council used any of the material provided?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, we have. | <input type="checkbox"/> There are services available? I will check it out! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We looked at the services but didn't use any. | <input type="checkbox"/> We have created our own. |

6. Does your council spend one-third of its time on the spiritual aspect of membership?*

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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7. What type of liturgies and programs have you organized for your council this year?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrimages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/musical media events | <input type="checkbox"/> Reciting the League prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candlelight vigils | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crowning of Mary | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture reflections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased member services/funeral honour guard | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal prayers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divine Mercy | <input type="checkbox"/> Stations of the Cross |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intercessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary/living rosary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litanies | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual displays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masses | <input type="checkbox"/> World Day of Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novenas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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8. In my first communique of 2017, I listed a number of interesting resources for spiritual development chairpersons. Please indicate if you used any of these in your own planning:*

Resource	Yes	No
Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World bible study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Messy and Foolish: How to Make a Mess, Be a Fool and Evangelize the World book	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

33 Days to Morning Glory retreat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Living with Christ missal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lectio divina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formed website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Click to Pray app	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Minute Retreat app	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Did you use any of the following other resources when developing your liturgies and spiritual programs?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha course | <input type="checkbox"/> Rediscovering Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorter Christian Prayer book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Digest website | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Anthony Messenger magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL Ceremonies Booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> The Word Among Us magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL Day of Peace & Hope Activities Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL Prays Booklet | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marian Helper magazine | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayers and Workshops for Women of Peace and Hope | |

10. For your own personal growth, have you enrolled in any lay formation programs or retreats?*

- Yes
- No

11. What was the name of the program?*

12. How did your council celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26th?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass |
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- Retreat
- We didn't celebrate this year
- Watched the CWL televised mass

13. Does a spiritual advisor attend the council meetings?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Sometimes
- Never

14. Are members able to attend Mass either before or after council meetings?*

- Yes
- No

Study of Catholic Teachings

Faith is a way of life which is characterized by a constant and ongoing conversion and renewal of mind and heart. Members must constantly be in the process of spiritual growth.

15. In the winter 2017 edition of *The Canadian League*, instruction was provided on burial of the deceased and the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation. The instruction was provided to assist councils when setting funeral protocols. Has your council undertaken this review of its protocol?*

- Yes, and our pastor was part of the discussion.
- Yes, but we have not yet included our pastor.
- No, we haven't.

16. Has your council read or studied any of the following encyclicals?

- Evangelii Gaudium
- Laudato Si'
- No, we haven't.

17. Have you formed groups or encouraged members to enroll in groups that study and share information from any of the following?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechism of the Catholic Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Vatican website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CCCB website | <input type="checkbox"/> No, I haven't. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay formation programs | |

Role of Women in the Church

Women are called to take an active and responsible leadership role in the church's life and mission by actively participating in the League, church and community.

18. In the past year, has your council undertaken any studies of women in scripture?*

- Yes No

19. Do you promote an awareness of women's place in church and society and found in scripture?*

- Yes No

20. Members are called on to work toward the kind of personal development and structural evolution which would enable the church to reflect more fully the partnership of women and men in Christ's mission. In response, what leadership roles have your members undertaken in the church?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canon lawyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish pastoral council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chancellors/vice chancellors | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral associates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan council/committees | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional pastoral council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish committee chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish finance committee | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

21. Members who don't accept leadership roles in the church still have a very important role to play. In the spring 2017 edition of *The Canadian League*, Life Member Tillie Aessie provided a reflection on the joy of service. Have you considered:

Action	Yes	No
Preparing a reflection on the joy of service for your council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading the article at a general meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharing the article in your council newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Have you joined your parish liturgy committee?*

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> No liturgy committee in parish |
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Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Members are called to lead all people to encounter Christ. The League's mission will remain incomplete until we can say we have shared not only our material goods with others, but more importantly, our gift of faith.

23. Did your council participate with the Knights of Columbus in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign?*

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> No Knights of Columbus council in parish |
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24. The Catholic Women's League of Canada officially supports Catholic Missions In Canada as its primary missionary outreach in Canada. Does your council have a subscription to its magazine?

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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25. What other missions in Canada, if any, have been supported by your council and how? [Please note missions in developing countries are reported under the community life standing committee.]

	Goods	Monetary	Time
Esk-Omi Missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kee-Pas Missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St. Francis Xavier Mission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. In the past year, have you contacted Catholic Missions In Canada or any other Canadian missions to offer your council's assistance?*

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes, monetary | <input type="radio"/> Yes, school supplies |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes, food | <input type="radio"/> Yes, other (don't separate!) |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes, clothing | <input type="radio"/> No |

Lay Ministries

The strength of the League ministry can be measured in proportion to the depth of members' spirituality.

27. Please list the lay ministries that you have personally participated in during the year.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/music | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to participate in any lay ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator | <input type="checkbox"/> I choose not to participate in lay ministry |

28. Please list the lay ministries that your council members have participated in during the year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/music | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |

29. Please note if any of these ministries are chaired/organized by a CWL member in your parish.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/music | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

Ongoing interfaith dialogues have revealed vast areas of common action and result in the collaboration of churches on a range of social issues.

30. In what ways has your council reached out to women of other denominations or faiths?

	Other Churches	Other Faiths
Initiated joint prayer services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invited women to council meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invited women to social events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We haven't this year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31. Did your council promote awareness of or participate in any of the following?*

Yes No

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| Fellowship of the Least Coin | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| World Day of Prayer (March) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WUCWO Day (May) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Summary and Final Thoughts

32. Is there anything else you would like to share about your council's spiritual development activities?