

Christian Family Life Annual Report Survey - 2017

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the 2017 annual report survey. As parish Christian family life 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 survey. There are many options, but we understand that each council has gifts unique to them which drive their priorities. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic. Thank you for completing this annual survey. It will help us to better know what your council is doing and what your members interests are. Thank you!

Doreen Gowans, National Chairperson of Christian Family Life

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. *

Marriage and Family

"The family is the basic cell of society. It is the cradle of life and love, the place in which the individual 'is born' and 'grows'." (*Christifideles Laici*)

4. A number of resources have been suggested in 2017 to assist parish council chairpersons in their planning. Have you accessed the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Laityfamilylife.va website | <input type="checkbox"/> "The Joy of Love" at the Heart of the Family publication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Prayer: For Parents book | <input type="checkbox"/> CCCB Life & Family Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayers and Rituals for the Home booklet | |

5. Which programs for family enrichment were promoted by your council?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Encounter weekends for engaged couples | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage encounter weekends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage preparation courses | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural family planning methods |

- Programs for single-parent families
- Parenting courses
- Programs to support happily married couples
- This was not our priority this year.

6. The next World Meeting of Families will be held in Dublin, Ireland in 2018.

Do you plan to promote this event in your parish?

- Yes
- No

7. Did you or your council members attend workshops or seminars on the topic of family life?*

- Yes
- No

8. Did your council celebrate or organize events for:

- National Family Week
- Liturgical celebrations for married couples
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Special Anniversaries

Sanctity of Life

It is the belief of the League that the right to life is sacred from the moment of natural conception to natural death.

9. Does your council hold membership in a local pro-life organization?*

- Yes
- No

10. Have your members attended any of the following?*

- 40 Days for Life
- Life Chain
- March for Life
- National Week for Life and Family events
- Pro-life dinners
- Pro-life masses
- Pro-life walks
- Pro-life vigils
- Other (please specify) _____
- No, we haven't.

11. Has your council donated money or gifts to any of the following organizations that advocate for sanctity of life issues?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birthright - local or international | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and Family Support Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Life Coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> Priests for Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia Prevention Coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Rachel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> No, we haven't. |

12. Has your council lent its support to pro-life legislators?*

- Yes No

Ministry to Youth

Young people are the church, the people of God. Youth today have much to share; an exchange of ideas between generations is a source of growth and renewal for all.

13. The next World Youth Day will be held in Panama in 2019. Have you begun promoting this event in your parish?

- Yes No

14. Have you or your committee members participated in programs for young people in your parish?*

- Yes No

15. Have you or your committee members encouraged young people to share their gifts in ministry?*

- Yes
 No

16. Has your council sponsored youth events or youth ministers in your parish community, excluding sacrament initiation and bursaries? Please check all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Christian Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Guides of Canada |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership camps or retreats | <input type="checkbox"/> World Youth Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NET Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelters and programs for high risk youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth fairs and festivals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stueberville | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer camps | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school | <input type="checkbox"/> Our council hasn't sponsored any events this year |

17. Has your council purchased subscriptions to Catholic magazines, videos or books for use in the local community, school or parish library?*

- Yes No

18. Has your council promoted the Vatican's Online Questionnaire for Youth?*

- Yes
 No

19. If yes, how many youth participated? _____*

Ministry to Disabled

The aim of each council is to create an attitude that regards disabled individuals not only as people to be loved and served, but as responsible partners in the church's mission.

20. Have you or your committee members invited disabled persons to take part in liturgical celebrations?*

- Yes No

21. Has your council organized or participated in support groups and respite for caregivers?*

- Yes No

22. Do any of your council members provide assistance to disabled persons living on their own?*

- Yes No

23. Has your council urged communities to make churches and other public buildings more accessible?*

- Yes No

24. Has your council supported shelters or programs designed to assist the disabled?*

- Yes No

25. In what ways have your council members reached out to the disabled?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brought communion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sent cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gave gifts on special occasions | <input type="checkbox"/> Visited or called |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized special events | <input type="checkbox"/> Our council hasn't focused on this ministry this year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provided transportation | |
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Ministry to Seniors

Seniors provide a gift to society of tradition and heritage acquired through a lifetime of experience.

26. Have you or your committee members done any of the following with seniors in your community?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brought communion to them | <input type="checkbox"/> Invited them to share their faith story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted senior members with membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Involved them in intercessory prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated social programs and celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Involved them in CWL events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invited newly-retired women to join your council | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized social events |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayed with them in their home |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Provided respite care for caregivers |

- Provided transportation for them
- Sent cards of encouragement
- Shared a meal with them
- Supported shelters for abused seniors
- Visited or called them
- Other, please specify... _____
- This hasn't been a priority for the council.

Ministry to Widowed

By the sharing of their gifts in church and society, the widowed may find their personal fulfillment in reaching out to others.

27. Have you or your committee members done any of the following with widows and widowers in your community?*

- Arranged memorial services and/or funeral lunches
- Encouraged participation in programs offered by the parish
- Ensured there is a bereavement program in the parish
- Gifted them with prayer shawls
- Included them in family outings
- Invited them to attend community events
- Invited widows to attend CWL meetings and events
- Provided prayer and support after the death of the spouse
- Sent cards of condolence
- Visited or called them
- Other, please specify... _____
- Our council hasn't focused on this ministry this year.

Ministry to Separated and Divorced

Many single and divorced people face the responsibility of raising children alone. The need to express the message of hope by offering assistance can be very beneficial.

28. Have you or your committee members offered any of the following to separated or divorced persons?*

- Access to counseling or support groups
- Babysitting services to allow free time
- Invited them to join group outings
- Your time, should they need a confidant
- Have you asked what help or services the League can offer to make them feel more welcome in the L/parish community?
- Our council hasn't focused on this ministry this year.

Vocations

Vocations "are a gift from God" and "they are born in communities of faith..." (Ecclesia in America)

29.A variety of options are available to promote religious vocations. Has your council and members undertaken any of the following?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted or supported seminarians | <input type="checkbox"/> Sent spiritual bouquets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraged families to discuss vocations with their children | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported discernment events for youths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraged families to invite priests and religious into their home | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported priestly retirement funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosted luncheons for priests and religious | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported Serra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offered mass for vocations | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported travelling chalice/crucifix programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invited priests and religious to speak on vocations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participated in prayers for vocations | <hr/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Our council hasn't focused on this ministry. |

Summary and Final Thoughts

30.Is there anything else you would like to share about your council's Christian Family Life activities?