



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
London Diocesan Council



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## Directive # 2

Hello sisters of the League! It is my hope that you all had a peaceful, restful and blessed Summer. This chair holds many ministries you are most likely involved in already but may not even know it. We cover Families and Marriages which also includes Separations/Divorces and new marriage configurations. There is the Youth, Disabled, Seniors, Widows and last but not least are lack of persons entering the priesthood, sisterhood and the diaconate.

No one council can hope to solve all problems in these areas but we can encourage one or two persons or a group to explore one of these ministries. They could bring back their findings and ideas and then you can formulate a plan of attack using more members.

In each of my directives, I hope to help you explore a few of these ministries. For instance we all know a widow or two. Our councils are first on the spot for funeral lunches and honour guards at the Masses. How many make contact throughout the year (not just at Christmas and Easter) but maybe during bad weather or if they are homebound or might even need a ride to Mass or a council meeting? Are you visiting persons in retirement Homes? Do you ask about their care, health needs or spiritual needs? Do their answers set off alarms? Do you know where and to whom you need to go to seek help?

Another area we can never let our guard down about is the Sanctity of Life! Abortion clinics now have a protective bubble of safety around their buildings. When is the last time you asked your local government representative about the rights of the unborn? On the other hand if you become aware of a person who has had an abortion or is contemplating such a thing show them compassion and offer friendship not judgment. You could scout your local area for drop in center to help persons with this irreversible decision.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition is and has worked very hard to alert us to Legalized Assisted Death. They question (Are laws allowing Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide leading society down a dangerous path?). You can help enlighten your members by viewing the film "Fatal Flaws-Legalizing Assisted Death". A DVD and pamphlets are available by calling 1-877-439-3348 or email [info@epcc.ca](mailto:info@epcc.ca). Alex Schadenberg will do a presentation for you if you let him know. Do not forget to invite your local MPP or MP to your presentation. This film can be shown in your home, at a local council meeting or blend it into a workshop. Just contact your local executive and something can be put into motion.

In closing I cannot stress enough for you to get to know your local MP and MPP. You have the right to question what has been done and you have the power to change it!! God Bless you.

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