



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



Environment Care

To: All Parish Presidents, Christian Family Life Chairperson
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Christian Family Life Chairperson
From: Denise Lalonde Morris, Christian Family Life Chairperson
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As we begin the 99th of the Catholic Women's League of Canada I hope and wish everyone a prosperous and rewarding year.

Using a line from Luke, "**Lord, I am so grateful for your love! Come and help me to show that love to the people around me**", and a line from John, "**Lord, open my eyes so that I can see your glory each day of this New Year.**" It is my hope that some of you will be inspired to take on some of the ministries under Christian Family Life.

YOUTH and VOCATIONS: Does your council promote and participate in programmes for the youth of your parish? Most of us help with First Reconciliation and Communion and may help with Confirmation. Do you promote activities that are happening in your local Catholic schools or encourage our youth to become involved with the World Youth Day? Did you know the World Youth Day will be held in Panama? Your councils could contribute funds for this invaluable experience.

In the recent **Missio**, Bishop Fabbro noted the number of priests and religious sisters the diocese has lost. We have the Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary. It rewards 10 bursaries annually to seminarians in our province. Does your council contribute to this fund? Have you ever sponsored a programme to promote vocations and asked your local secondary schools to join in?

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: There is an organization that deals with many issues that our families must face. Some of the life issues include: abortions, biotechnologies, family planning, faith vocations, youth and many more topics. Have you ever heard of COLF? The acronym stands for: Catholic Organization for Life and Family. You can learn more about them by using their web site: www.colf.ca.

SEPARATED and DIVORCED: In today's world it is far too common to hear of a family splitting up and/or is in disarray. You could just be a shoulder to lean on, or you could offer babysitting services and don't forget to invite the separated and divorced to join in group outings.

Annual reports have been completed and everyone should make known all of the great things your councils have accomplished this past year. Don't be afraid to sing your praises.

With the end of a year we also have new executives. Please make an effort to help persons who are new to their office and show them where to find help. Christian Family Life Chairs can find help in our National Policy and Procedures pages CFL41-46. Our new National Christian Family Life Chairperson is Pat Deppe from British Columbia. The CFL chairperson for Ontario is Linda Squarzolo. Each can be contacted on the National and provincial web sites. Also see our Diocesan website for past directives for your chair and many other resources.

Hoping to see many of you at our annual convention in Windsor in April, 2019,

May Our Lady of Good Council bless, guide and keep you safe.

Denise