

To: All Parish Presidents, Spiritual Development Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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"For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9

Welcome back to all my League sisters. I hope you enjoyed a summer full of fun, friendship and fulfillment.

We had a couple of "good news" items for our Diocese this summer. The first one was the announcement of the upcoming canonization in October of Bishop Oscar Romero. When Marie-Therese Lamphier was president, she chose him as the "Blessed" person our Diocese would pray for. Well our prayers worked! I am sure many of our councils and members still have the info. and prayer cards that we used. Please continue to pray for Bishop Oscar Romero. We can claim him as our saint!

As Catholics we know that there are saints for any career or purpose. Many of these saints are from previous centuries but we do have more modern day saints such as St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Protector of the Unborn. If you are interested in a modern day saint for your council to study or pray to, the book "Saints for Our Times" by Barry Michaels is a good place to start.

The other good news we received was the re-opening of the online membership system. This means reporting deceased members is much easier. If your council uses the online membership system all you need to do is inform National- they will do the rest, including notifying me. If you do NOT use the online system, you must inform National and myself of the member's passing so she can be included in our Book of Life. This is the info. I need: * Name of the deceased member and their number *Date of death *Parish name, city and region.

Because of all the problems this year, I am asking all the presidents to give a list of their deceased members to their Regional Chair. This way we can ensure no one has been missed. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you and your council. Mary Lappan