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London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Presidents, and Spiritual Development Chairpersons
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“Prepare the Way of the Lord” Isaiah 40:3

Yes, it's that time of year again! A time when we all have the opportunity to “prepare the way of the Lord”. The Advent season begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Advent is about preparing for Christ's coming. During this time we should renew our commitment to be a disciple of Christ. The new Liturgical year gives us all another chance to walk with Jesus through his birth, childhood, miracles, Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension.

A great way to start off the Advent season is to host an Advent Tea at your council. It doesn't have to be fancy, just full of faith, fellowship and fun. We are all very busy at this time of year but an Advent Tea gives everyone a chance to put aside their “busyness” and relax with their CWL sisters. If your council has never hosted one, give it a try. It will become part of your annual activities.

In my last directive I encouraged everyone to read about various saints. If you are interested, the book “Advent With the Saints: Daily Reflections” can be purchased from Franciscan Media. Here are some December dates and saints to remember.

December 6th – Saint Nicholas, Patron Saint of sailors and children

December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 9th – Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe (see St. Juan Diego)

December 26th – Saint Stephen, first recorded martyr of the New Testament

December 28th – Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 30th – Feast of the Holy Family

Thank you to all the presidents and spiritual development chairs for forwarding the names of their deceased members. If your council has any deceased members in November or December, please forward them to National as soon as possible so they can be included in our Book of Life for 2018.

In closing, may you and your families have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Blessings,

Mary Lappan