



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



Environment Care

To: All London Diocesan Presidents, and Spiritual Development Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC
From: Mary Lappan, Second Vice President
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“Arise, shine, for your light has come” Isaiah 60:1-2

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a wonderful start to 2019.

The final day of the Christmas season is the Epiphany which we celebrated on Sunday. This feast celebrates the arrival of the Magi, who were looking for the child who was born to be King of the Jews.

The start of the new year also means the beginning of a new theme - “Care for our Common Home”. We will be hearing more about this important theme in the upcoming months. The National website <www.cwl.ca> has information on the new theme under Quick Links. Try to incorporate some of the new material in the spiritual component at your monthly meetings.

The Provincial Spiritual Advisor, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien will finish his two year term in July. We are being asked to participate in a spiritual bouquet, which will be presented to him at the Provincial Convention in July. Members can offer masses, rosaries, prayers, stations of the cross or other devotions. I have included a sheet to record the offerings, but you do not need to completely fill the sheet, just pass it around at your meeting and allow your members to add to the list. Please send me your offerings by Easter (April 21st).

Here are some upcoming dates to remember:

- January 25th – The Conversion of St. Paul
- January 27th – St. Angela Merici – founder of the Ursulines
- January 28th – St. Thomas Aquinas
- January 31st – St. John Bosco
- February 2nd – The Presentation of the Lord
- February 3rd – St. Blaise – remember to get your throat blessed
- February 8th – St. Josephine Bakhita – a wonderful saint to talk about at a meeting
- February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes
- March 1st – World Day of Prayer – prepared by the women of Slovenia
- March 6th – Ash Wednesday

Our annual Lenten Retreat will be in Chatham at the Spirit and Life Centre on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 until 3:00. The lunch cost is \$8.00 Please try to attend.

Thank you to all the presidents and spiritual development chairs for forwarding the names of their deceased members. Please forward the names of any recently deceased members to National as soon as possible so they can be included in our Book of Life for 2018.

Blessings,
Mary Lappan