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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents and Christian Family Life Chairpersons
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Directive #9

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”
St. Theresa of Calcutta

Compassionate Community Care and “Being There”:

We continue to be there for our members with visits and phone calls, sharing our stories with CWL and our families.

Alex Schadenberg and our London Diocese began the project in Fall 2019, in conjunction with Ontario Provincial Council’s theme of “Loneliness”, to keep in touch with our members, being there for those who couldn’t attend meetings, lived alone, or in Retirement/Extended Care homes. Alex requested funding from the government to publish a story book of our London Diocese members for our 100th anniversary. Then COVID-19 hit. It hasn’t stopped us from finding ways to keep in touch with each other, to share our stories with our families and our CWL sisters.

Update on “Her Story Book”

The book called “Her Story” is coming out before our convention in April. Some of our members shared their stories and submitted them to Compassionate Community Care for the CWL London Diocesan 100th Anniversary book. *Others can be added to the book at a later date.

More Info on Compassionate Community Care

Training continues at Compassionate Community Care by ZOOM:

February 8th: Patient Advocacy Training Program

Coming in March: A series on Mental Health and Wellbeing at End of Life

Email info@beingwith.org for more information

Christian Family Life’s Focus is “Vocations”

Action Plan Suggestions:

- Offer a mass for the intentions of your pastor. Pray for Vocations.
- Offer a mass for young persons to discern a vocation to the priesthood or persons in religious life
- Invite priests and religious to speak at your meetings on vocations
- Send a “thinking of you” or a “thank you” card to your pastor or persons in religious life
- Congratulate them on their anniversaries
- Discuss vocations with your children, grandchildren and friends
- Share information about the Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund with you council
- Pray often for a specific priest or religious or any/all priests and persons in religious life

“Our Lady of Good Counsel, Guide Us On Our Journey

Happy New Year
Mary Ann