

London Diocesan Council

- To: All Parish Presidents, and Parish Community Life Chairpersons
- CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Community Life Chairperson

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## Directive # 2

"...the time dedicated to staying with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of lying, and faith, in turn nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life, and prayer, one keeps a light that flame of Christian life that God expects of us." Pope Francis

The National Council has set aside September 21, 2021, as a day to pray for Christians in the Holy Land. This also coincides with the International Day of Peace. More information can be found at cnewa.org/ca/prayer-day-for-peace.

The Canadian Federal Government has passed legislation to make September 30, 2021, called the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. To mark this day of quiet reflection to pray for reconciliation and the healing of indiginous peoples and to recognize in some way the significant effect the residential schools have had. September 30, 2021 is also the unofficial Orange Shirt Day. It began as a project to commemorate the residential school experience, honour the healing journey of survivors and commit to ongoing reconciliation.

Please encourage all of your members to exercise their right to vote on September 20, 2021. It is an opportunity to vote for christian values and beliefs.

God Bless,

Pat Sloan