



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Christian Family Life Chairpersons

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**Hello everyone!** I hope you are all well and getting anxious for the summer. All our regions had representation at our Diocesan Convention and it is hoped that many of you will reap the benefits of all the knowledge those who attended have acquired. Of course our National Theme, ***Care for Our Common Home***, which was inspired by Pope Francis was very prevalent in the messages we tried to deliver. The ministries within Christian Family Life have many areas that can easily cover this topic.

To help discern what you and your councils can do, you could plan to attend our Day at the Shrine retreat July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Merlin. As well as our initiative to care for the environment, many of our councils are dealing with Bishop Fabbro's blending of our parishes into family groups. Christian Family Life chairs and their councils will be kept busy. There will be changes and many of our seniors will need guidance to adjust, especially to Mass times and new pastors and their differing ways in approaching parish life. Those separated, divorced or newly widowed will need to be and feel accepted. Unfortunately not everyone reacts positively to change and our patience will definitely be taxed through this process.

How can we help as sisters of the league? First pray, alone, or in your family, or at your council meetings. Call on the Holy Spirit for guidance. Does it seem like there is something "missing" in your parish? May be there is an area you feel is lacking and maybe this is the way our Lord is calling on you. In your new family structure are there places that you could reveal some unknown talent you have never shared before? For example you always liked working with children and Sunday school needs new people, or a vacancy has come up in the music program, you play an instrument and you could join. A great way to meet new parish members and a potential CWL sister is to become a greeter at mass. Maybe you are very artistic? You could make some posters to show people how to conserve and preserve water.

Here is a short prayer: "Holy Spirit, help me to hear you speaking to me- in any way that you choose."

Have a Hopeful, Healthy and Happy Summer!!!!

**Denise**