



London Diocesan Council
Of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

To: All Regional Chairpersons and All Parish Presidents
From: Marie-Theresa Lamphier, President, London Diocesan Council
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Directive # 7

Welcome back from your summer break! Hope you all had a chance to enjoy quality time with family and friends. September is usually a time to get back to our regular routine. We have some exciting and new things happening in our Diocese. I hope you will be able to participate in as many things as possible.

One of the projects that our new **Provincial President, Pauline Krupa**, has requested us to do, is in conjunction with Pope Francis' proclamation of the Holy Year of Mercy. Keeping in mind our theme, "One Heart, One Voice, One Mission" we are to choose a Blessed person named by Pope Francis. Each diocese will have a different person. Beginning in October we are to study the life of this Blessed Person and discuss his or her virtues and then plan activities to emulate these virtues using the corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. Our person in the Diocese of London is **Blessed Oscar Romero**. This project encompasses prayer, action and celebration. **One Voice:** Each diocese is to pray for the canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero. **One Mission:** The action based on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy is the activities planned. **One Heart:** You/we will be celebrating Blessed Oscar Romero in some way. Whatever our activities, this will be the main substance of the oral presentation by your Diocesan President at the Provincial Convention in 2016. During this process we will become familiar with the process of how a person is nominated for sainthood and then become "blessed" and also how that person can be canonized. Let's get all of our members involved by studying, praying and celebrating **Blessed Oscar Romero!** More details to follow.

Just a reminder again. Our **Fall Regional Days** are as follows:

September 26 th	Huron Perth/Ingersoll Regions at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend
October 17 th	London/Sarnia Regions at Holy Angels in St. Thomas
November 14 th	Chatham/Essex/Winsor Regions at St. John de Brebeuf in Kingsville

See website for more details. Alex Schadenberg will be our guest speaker in the afternoon. He will give us an update on the Supreme Court Ruling and the action to be taken.

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Ornaments: Our main fundraiser for the Provincial Convention to be held in Stratford in 2016, is our pewter ornaments. We have a dove, a wreath and a friendship angel which are engraved with the CWL crest and 2016 Provincial Convention on it. Every council is asked to buy/sell 15 (fifteen) of these to their members/parishioners or gave them away as gifts for Christmas, to your shut ins, to guest speakers, etc. This would certainly help to achieve our goal. They will be available at our Fall Regional Days or contact your Regional Chairperson. Please make cheques payable to CWL - Provincial Convention 2016. I can't stress enough the importance of selling these ornaments to support our fundraising efforts for the Provincial Convention. Please find creative ways to sell these!

Update on The Catholic Women's League Leadership Foundation: As you have already heard, the Sisters of Service have offered a gift of \$500,000 and National have already donated \$100,000. At our National Convention a motion was passed to add an additional \$400,000 to the fund from National coffers so that the work on this leadership initiative can begin. Women who have demonstrated an intense interest and desire to identify and share their gifts by becoming leaders within the CWL, the church and society will be given training over a two year period. For more information please go to the website CanadaHelps.org. As Barbara Dowding says, this gift could change the face of the League and ultimately the Church!

New Members are still welcomed! They are important to your council and the League! What are you doing to attract new members and retain those you have?

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you in all you do!

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