



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

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To: All Regional Chairpersons and All Parish Presidents

From: Marie-Theresa Lamphier, President, London Diocesan Council

Date: November 21st, 2015

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Diocesan Project – Blessed Oscar Romero

Coincidence or Divine Providence? Who is to say? Just as we announce our Blessed Oscar Romero as our person in whose name we will perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy, Salt & Light features blessed Oscar Romero in their magazine (Issue 7, 2015, p34-43). This magazine landed on my kitchen table as my husband picked it up from church. If you have it at your parish, you may want to glance at it and read a couple of the articles. Of course there is a lot of information on the website. Have you determined what virtues are attributed to Bishop Romero? Have you decided on which corporal or spiritual works of mercy you want to focus on? Whatever you decide, don't forget to take pictures and document what you are doing. It will be part of our celebration of Blessed Oscar Romero at the convention. This project ties in nicely with the Holy Year of Mercy. Don't forget to keep praying for the canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero, at least once a week but definitely at your council meetings. Let's get all of our members involved by studying, praying and celebrating **Blessed Oscar Romero!**

Ornaments: I remind you once again that 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. Please make cheques payable to CWL - Provincial Convention 2016, and forward same to your Regional Chairperson as soon as possible. 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!

The Catholic Women's League Leadership Foundation: Every President will be receiving an "ABCs of Fund-Raising." This is to give you some ideas to help out with your donation to the Leadership Foundation. No donation is too small ...or too big. Have **FUN** with your fundraising ideas and send pictures (with permission) to BeLeague and do tell how you put the **FUN** in your Fund-raising. This initiative is being planned to begin in August 2016 with 14 women over a two year period. Please give generously! For more information please go to the website CanadaHelps.org.

Life Members and Past Presidents Social Justice Award: If you know of someone who has demonstrated involvement in social justice programs, please do not hesitate to nominate this

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person for our Social Justice Award. The application is due on January 15, 2016, and is available on the website or from your local Regional Chairperson.

Diverse Topics: There are so many topics out there that grab our attention and we can't undertake all of them. (I am sure other standing committee chairs will be addressing some of these) ie RU486 Abortion bill, Supreme Court Ruling on Euthanasia, Child Poverty, Human Trafficking etc. Is there one that touches your heart? Or that you have great passion for? Please consider studying one of these issues and taking a stand on it. Write to your member of Parliament and let your voice be heard....One by one you can make a difference!

Advent and Year End Reports: As the new Liturgical year begins and the Christmas season quickly comes upon us, it is always a good time to reflect on what you have accomplished this year. How do you stand on "bringing back the Sundays", being a role model in your council; being the living Gospel for others and bringing others to Jesus? Your year end reports are a good way to reflect on your good works of charity and I can't wait to read them. Thank you to all who diligently completed them. I hope you had fun doing them!

New Members are still welcomed! Remember that membership fees are due January 1st for the 2016 calendar year. What are you doing to attract new members and retain those you already have?

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

Marie-Theresa