

Dear Catholic Women's League Spiritual Advisors,

As we get ready to enter into Ordinary Time, I hope all of you had wonderful Christmas celebrations. Although it is only January, the Spring comes quickly enough and our CWL Diocesan Convention Committee has been hard at work. Each year the ladies of our diocese are invited to attend the annual diocesan convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. We usually hold this convention toward the mid to latter part of April. Once again this year, they have a very exciting program set up for the ladies. It is important that the Women of the League and anybody interested in the work of the League should attend this convention. It is an excellent opportunity for the women to share some fellowship, learn about what is happening in the League, gain some new ideas and skills on how to serve God and country, and simply have a good time sharing a few days with other women of faith. I would highly encourage you to recommend to the members of your League Council to attend this event.

The Diocesan Executive, in addition to believing in the benefit that the convention provides for the general membership, believes that it is important that the Spiritual Advisors also have an opportunity to gather during the convention as well. As Spiritual Advisors, we too have ideas to share, concerns to voice and things to learn about the League and its many works. **This year we are trying a different approach to the spiritual advisors gathering. Rather than a luncheon, the executive has created a Spiritual Advisors Gathering for Wednesday, April 20th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. This will be followed by the Closing Mass and banquet. We value your time and this way we are trying to eliminate any "wasted" time between the luncheon and the Mass.** I invite you to attend this event so that we can share some time together and be of support for another in our role of providing spiritual guidance to our Parish League Councils. There will be opportunity to ask questions about League policies or to offer suggestions for League interactions. As most of you have experienced, the Catholic Women's League members are a wonderful part of a parish community. Time and again they are there to serve God and God's people. With the demands placed upon everyone's time, new ways of being present and supportive of one another may have to be found. This gathering may be a good way to dialogue about ways we can together grow the work of the League. If you are interested in attending, please ask your Council president and she will make the necessary arrangements for you. If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to call 519-352-8530. As well, I would like to invite you to the Banquet and the Mass with the Bishop. Your Council will have further details. God bless you in your work in the parish and as a spiritual guide for the League!

God's Peace,

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