To: All Parish Presidents, Spiritual Development Chairperson

CC: London Diocesan Council, Emma Rose Rayburn, OPC Chairperson

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Directive #3

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - Pope Benedict XVI

The advent season prepares us for Christ's coming into our life. He constantly seeks to break into our world, offering it "Good News". The Season of Advent begins November 28th.

I would like to reiterate what Colleen Perry shared in the November Provincial Newsletter under Colleen's Communications. "Advent readings are themed Scripture readings for each Sunday of Advent. The four weeks of Advent are broken down into the four themes of: Hope (or promise); Preparation (waiting or prophecy); Joy (peace) and Love (adoration)". Colleen also reminds us that the core values of the league emulates these themes and she encourages us to be present and participate in any way we can.

Below are five Advent youtube videos you may wish to share with your members:

Advent Week 1: A prayer for Hope https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQjrh6usDe8

Mary Did You Know https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifCWN5pJGIE

Breath of Heaven by Amy Grant https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8_475FKJWQ

Advent Waiting for Jesus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AySe5pZnwig

Advent the Season of Anticipation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDcxwkEayg0

Upcoming Feast Days:

November 21st – Presentation of Mary

December 8th – The Immaculate Conception

December 12th – Our Lady of Guadeloupe

December 28th – Feast of the Holy Innocents - Tentatively scheduled Mass for the Unborn at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica7:30; Rosary and Divine Mercy 7:00

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas season. I look forward to reading your Annual Reports!

Yours in Christ,

Joan