



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents, Spiritual Development Chairperson  
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### Directive # 1

*Our Lady is always close to us especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems”*

*Pope Francis*

I enjoyed my term as diocesan Resolutions Chairperson and look forward to my new role as the Spiritual Development Chairperson. I retired from the London District Catholic School Board fourteen years ago and am hopeful that my teaching experience will assist me in my new role.

My husband Al and I will celebrate our 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this July. We have four sons and have been blessed with five grandchildren. I have been a member of St. Michael's parish in London for 45 years and St. Michael's CWL council for the last 30. I didn't join the CWL right away as I thought I didn't have the time to commit to it. My mom, like many of your mothers was a member and she was active in the league. I didn't realize I could join and not be active. ☐

My goal for the next two years is to hopefully provide you with a rich faith filled experience and to grow spiritually with you. National's theme Care for Our Common Home is in place until the end of 2021. I will strive to continue to provide information and practice regarding caring for the planet.

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. The Vatican has announced a Rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Pontifical Council for the promotion of the New Evangelization said that, “For the deep desire of the Holy Father, the month of May will be dedicated to a prayer marathon with the theme ‘Prayer to God went up incessantly from the whole church.’” Pope Francis began the month with a prayer to Mary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms asking for her intercession. He has emphasized the importance of considering anti-COVID vaccination as a “universal common good.” During the month, Catholic shrines worldwide will take turns leading a daily live-stream rosary. The list of shrines live streaming the Rosary at 12PM EST, or on demand at any time, can be found at the website: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

We are encouraged to pray together in whatever way we can either in private or on-line prayer. Please encourage your council to inform members of this via phone calls or emails.

Looking forward to when we can meet again in person. Stay safe and healthy!

Yours in Christ,

*Joan*