

The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council Christian Family Life Standing Committee



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To: Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons

From: Kelly Langevin, Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairperson

cc: Diocesan Executive, Parish Presidents, Provincial Christian Family Life

Standing Committee Chairperson

Dear Sisters in the League,

The days are getting shorter and the nights are cooler, the leaves are turning glorious colours, fall is upon us. Another sure sign of fall – our meetings have started up again; it is time to get back to work.

Marriage and Family

We have many days throughout the year to celebrate family. Grandparent's day was celebrated on September 11th. It officially began in 1978, with a day to honour our grandparents. Many of our senior citizens in nursing homes did not have visit from families. Having just observed "loneliness" as our provincial theme for the past two years, this month invites us to take the opportunity to visit a senior, a parent, grandparent, neighbour, friend in a nursing home or their home. We can share a meal. Pray with them. Offer them a ride to Mass or arrange to bring them Communion.

Sanctity of Life

The Christian Family Life Committee is responsible for many areas and one is the sanctity of life. There are 2 events coming up in the next month or so.

- 1. <u>Forty Days for Life Campaign</u>: September 28 November 6, which consist of prayer, fasting and a visible public vigil that is meant to be peaceful and educational.
- 2. <u>Life Chain:</u> takes place on Sunday, October 2nd. on Paris Street in front of Health Sciences North from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund

A bursary fund was established in memory of former provincial spiritual advisor, Bishop Bernard F. Pappin, to provide financial support to seminarians.

Our provincial treasurer, Marie Theresa Lamphier, tells us in her recent directive that this fund is solely financed by donations from CWL councils. All councils across Ontario are encouraged to donate to this fund to assist our seminarians.

You will be hearing more about vocations in future mailings,....stay tuned.

Taken from our Provincial Christian Family Life Chairperson, Betsy Currier's 2nd. Directive sent out earlier this month; We are all very busy women. It seems there are never enough hours in a day. Don't worry about the challenge you face but take heart in its completion. Margaret Thatcher suggested, "Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it."

I am including a **Calendar of Special Events** for the coming year passed on by Betsy Currier in her 2nd. Directive.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide your work for God and Canada.

Blessings,

Kelly Langevin Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairperson

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