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From: Kathleen Niro, Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Sudbury Regional Chair  
To: Parish Presidents, Diocesan Executive and Spiritual Advisors  
CC: Diocesan President Cathy McKinney

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*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
Matthew 18:19-21 Revised Standard Version*

Dear Parish Presidents, Diocesan Executive, my Sisters in the League, and Spiritual Advisors,

The passage of time does not go unnoticed, although it is often noted it passes quickly, 'where does it go?' Without being redundant of news of the past year, our experiences are unique to each of us, yet they are similar too. The changes have challenged us, and remaining people of prayer, it is time for us to come together for prayer and reflection, as is our custom as Catholics and CWL members.

The First Sunday in Lent there will be a Diocesan Afternoon of Reflection hosted and led by Ruth-Anne Ingram, Sudbury Region Spiritual Advisor. This virtual event is a mark of tradition and technology coming together for the greater good of the members of the CWL and of the Catholic Church as our faith will be nourished, we will reflect upon and renew our spirits.

"Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. The Apostolic Letter "*Patris Corde*" (With a Father's Heart), Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

The Holy Father wrote "*Patris Corde*" against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

source, Vatican News

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

With the enthusiasm, and encouragement of our Diocesan President, Cathy McKinney, let us join together with joy and perseverance as these uncertain times hover over us as St. Joseph also experienced and pray and listen for God's words of love for each of us.

Please let your council's membership know about this event via phone, email and put into your parish bulletin. The following information will also be available on the CWL Diocesan website so members can easily get the link to join.



## **CWL AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION**

**Sun, Feb 21, 2021 1:15 PM - 3:45 PM (EST) ~ the First Sunday in Lent.**

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Keep the faith, and may you hear God's voice under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to continue the good works that you do for God and Canada.

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Additional reading:

Patris Corde – Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)