



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council



Directive #9

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To: Parish Faith Chairs

From: Debbie Mattiazzi Diocesan Faith Chair

Cc: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Executive, Claudette Langdon Provincial Faith Chair

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, will overshadow you.." the angel said to Mary, "and you will give birth to a son who will be named Jesus."
Luke 1:31, 35-36

Dear Sisters

We are now in our first week of Advent. The purple candle in our advent wreath, HOPE has been lit. Jesus is our Hope. A time to slow down and focus on what is important.

There are many resources to help us on our journey through this Season of Advent, on the national website

Prayers and Hymns, look for **An Advent Reflection (#704)**

I have also included the **"A Season of Service Advent Calendar"**

I am passing on information received from Provincial Faith Chair Claudette Langdon:

The **National President**, Betty Colaneri's communique explains the new national theme, Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission, beginning in January 2026

The national focus is "Blessed are the Poor, (Matthew 5:3) which is closely connected to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In a **Joint Communiqué #02** Karen Rossiter, National Chairperson of Faith, Madonna Clark, National Chairperson of Service and Jessie Parkinson, National Chairperson of Social Justice, have created a monthly calendar of events for councils to use to empower the Lord's mission to care for the least among us. This new and vibrant resource is designed to assist parish councils with event planning for next year, offering timely, appropriate recommendations for each month. The hope is that councils will be able to implement as many of these recommendations as possible and that this will ignite members' passion to serve in their communities. The League would like to track the success of the theme's' focus throughout the year. This will be shared through each level so that councils at the provincial, diocesan, and parish levels will be able to share what they have completed. A form to track the information (bimonthly) will be forthcoming.

Reporting Deceased Members:

Monday December 8th @ 7 pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83444172571?pwd-6ETw7xth54VLKrtw5m4fyEGig.1>

Meeting ID 834 4417 2571

Passcode: 091781

A Way of the Cross Webinar for February 22, 2026, is being planned

World Day of Prayer on March 6, 2026. Councils and members are encouraged to share in this global ecumenical movement led by Christian women. This year's theme is: I Will Give You Rest: Come.

Lenten Webinars on March 22, 2026. Watch for posters and registration details.

Information Items:

Leah Perrault, who spoke at the national convention has offered members for advent the attached a poster and infographic to share. More information at: www.leahperrault.com/advent

National has redrafted the National Manual of Policy & Procedure located on the website www.cwl.ca We are encouraged to take some time and review this useful resource.

May your journey through this Advent Season bring you Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

God Bless

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Diocesan Faith Chair