



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

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

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To: Parish Presidents
From: Lisa Henry, Diocesan President
Cc: Ontario Provincial President, Colleen Perry, National President

Greetings to All,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer so far and are able to enjoy some rest and relaxation and find time to spend with your loved ones!

I would like to take this opportunity to share a couple of items with you.

Provincial Theme: Linda Squarzolo shared her theme for her 2022-2024 term which is "**Go Make a Difference!**". What an inspiring theme which also ties in nicely to our National Theme of "**Catholic and Living It!**". As we recover from the impact of the pandemic and are slowly resuming our League activities, these themes speak to how, at our roots, who we are. We are strong, resilient, caring women who for over 100 years have contributed to society in a positive way by living out our faith through action and love.

Linda explained that the inspiration for this theme came from a hymn that was sung at a church she attended in Florida, and it really inspired her. She hopes it inspires you as well. I know I feel inspired by it!

Established Priorities: In light of the above, I have established three priorities for our diocese that I believe will flow with our provincial and national themes:

- 1) Focus on faith and spirituality
- 2) Focus on Joy
- 3) Focus on building our members up through training and development

Your faith, commitment and dedication to the League is what inspired these priorities. The objective is to invest in building up you, the member. When you are valued and are given tools and resources to contribute in a meaningful way, it has countless benefits not only to you personally, but also to the CWL at large.

Recently, I was blessed to meet with our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Pat Woods, our Organization Chair and President-Elect, Patricia Clizia and our Past-President, Cathy McKinney to brainstorm how we might further expand on these priorities, and we then started initial planning.

Additionally, following the fall Diocesan Executive Meeting, more planning will take place so we may provide you with some resources and ideas to help support you with these themes and initiatives. In the meantime, you will be soon hearing from your Regional Chairs with some guidance and information that will get you started.

We are so blessed by your faith and example, and I know you are all gifted beyond measure and will bring to life these themes in extraordinary ways! The Joy of God is alive in each and every one of you!

"The joy of the Lord is the gladness of the heart that comes from knowing God, abiding in Christ and being filled with the Holy Spirit"

"The joy of the Lord may come as naturally as grapes on a vine. As we abide in Christ, the True Vine, we, the branches, are full of His strength and vitality, and the fruit we produce including joy, is His doing" (from: gotquestions.org)

Finally, as Fr. Pat so wonderfully pointed out, JOY symbolizes: **J**esus, **O**thers, **Y**ourself

Your sister in the League,

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