



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

Communique #2

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October 27, 2024

To: Parish Council Presidents, Secretaries, Parish Vice-Presidents

From: Kathleen Niro, Diocesan Vice-President

Cc: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Vice-President

Prayer to St. Gabriel

"I pray to you to assist me as I develop the strength to carry out my life's mission. Please send your strengthening energy to help me live life with courage and love for myself and all humanity. With your guidance I will strive to fulfill my purpose and assist others on their journey. This I ask of you through Christ's universal energy. Amen."

My dear Sisters in the League,

I received the attached Memorandum #1 from Karen McDonald, Provincial Vice-President, which includes Communique #11 from National Vice-President Betty Colaneri. It is timely as we are amid our membership drive. To assist with recruiting and retaining members, have you considered hosting a CWL Sunday wearing CWL T-shirts, scarf and pins? Seek permission from your pastor, spiritual advisor, to speak to the congregation at Mass. Let's be visible! Let's tell the ladies the benefits of being a member.

The "1" Campaign to "Recruit, Retain and Regain" continues and Betty Shares with us the next three catchphrases to assist us with our membership drives. If you missed any of the previous catchphrases, you can look up the National Vice-President's communiques on the National website, cwl.ca.

I am looking forward to the first three weekends in November when I will attend two of the three regional meetings. I am excited to present the "1" for All and All for "1", gifted to us by National Vice-President from her National Convention 2024 presentation.

Coming soon - a membership information card to help you reach out with a personal invitation to future members in your parish. Let's all commit to recruiting one new member this fall!

I invite you to read the attached communique to find out more about the updates to the Mentor Skills Bank.

Kathleen

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Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Here I am Lord, send me!



Memorandum #1

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Date: October 5, 2024

To: Diocesan Vice-Presidents
From: Karen McDonald, Ontario Provincial Council Vice-President
cc: Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, National Vice-President

"What is joy? The key to understanding this joy is in the words of the Gospel: 'Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit'. The One who gives us joy is the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit himself who guides us. He is the author of joy, the creator of joy, and this joy that is in the Holy Spirit gives us true Christian freedom."

Pope Francis

Attachments/Enclosures: National Communique #11

Education

Sisters in the League, attached is a communique from National Vice-President Betty Colaneri ... you will learn unique catchphrases for the coming months!

We also encourage you to sign up for the following webinar providing members with an opportunity to meet the staff at national office (**time sensitive**)

Kindly take note of the "Meet the Staff Webinar" on
Thursday, October 10th at 2:00 p.m. CDT (*3:00 p.m. EDT)

To register ... click the link in the attached communique

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance or if you would like this memo sent by regular mail.

National Vice-President

September 15, 2024



Communiqué #11

Here I am Lord, send me!

FOR: Provincial Vice-Presidents
THROUGH: Provincial Presidents and Secretaries
CC: National Executive
National Life Member Liaison
FROM: Betty Colaneri, National Vice-President

“...For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God” (2 Cor 9:12).

My dear sisters in the League,

With the leaves on the trees beginning to change, God will soon reveal his tapestry of amazing colours for fall. A new season of harvest, back to school and back to routines. It is also an exciting time to begin monthly League meetings and a wonderful opportunity to explore ways to recruit new members. ‘1’ way is to continue to promote the “1” Campaign to “Recruit, Retain and Regain” the League’s membership. I hope you have been able to use the catchphrases previously sent to you monthly. They have no expiration date, so use them as often as you like. To continue the momentum, the following are the catchphrases for the upcoming months.

October: Thankful for the Ultimate ‘1’

In the month that Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the ultimate ‘1,’ God, and thank him for all the many blessings he has given. ‘1’ way of doing this is to not only count our blessings but make our blessings count. The League’s way of showing gratitude to God is to pay it forward. Perhaps invite ‘1’ member with no family to join you for Thanksgiving dinner or visit a shut-in member. Even ‘1’ small act of caring can change a life around.

November: Remembering the ‘1’ Who Planted the Seed

We all have that special person who taught us our faith or helped us grow in different ways. A parent, priest, teacher, mentor or saint whose life spoke to us. Perhaps it was a member who invited you to come to a meeting or asked you to join the League. They saw your potential, and their joy was seeing the seed they planted grow and flourish. Honour them by being that ‘1’ person to plant a seed for someone else and continue to grow the kingdom of God.

December: ‘1’ Priceless Gift

Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving. A gift that was born so long ago but continues to have an immense impact on the world—a humble gift that did not come with fancy wrapping paper or a

bow but, when opened, gave an amazing love to last for all eternity. It is not a gift to be kept unwrapped or for oneself. We are meant to share that gift with others—to show all the love, hope, compassion and forgiveness they too can experience. One way to show that compassion is for members to give the gift of presence to ‘1’ person. That ‘1’ on ‘1’ attention could be exactly what they need to boost their spirit. Another way is to help ‘1’ member who is unable to pay her membership or give the gift of membership to that ‘1’ person you think would benefit from belonging to the League.

Kindly forward these catchphrases and encourage them to be used. I would appreciate receiving any feedback on the use of the catchphrases or projects that have been created to promote membership.

Meet the Staff Webinar

Set your calendar and [register](#) for the “Meet the Staff Webinar” on Thursday, October 10th at 2:00 p.m. CDT. Encourage members to sign up for the webinar so they can meet the wonderful staff who take care of the day-to-day duties at national office and become familiar with who to contact if necessary.

Mentor Skills Bank

The Mentor Skills Bank is being revised and will be available in October. This resource is a way to reach out to members with particular expertise in an area where you may need help. Members willing to be a mentor and offer their services are welcome to add their names to the list by contacting national office.

In this season of thankfulness, why not start each day with a quote by Maya Angelou, followed by Psalm 9:1. “This is a wonderful day. I’ve never seen this one before.” “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Colaneri
National Vice-President