

Spiritual advisors meeting report. July 11, 2016.

As spiritual advisors we discussed a few issues concerning our role and our work as spiritual advisors. Some issues we discussed were:

- the need for good communication from the diocesan spiritual advisor to the parish spiritual advisors if possible. Also some communications between the provincial spiritual advisor and the diocesan spiritual advisors.
- We discussed the importance of support for the league in the parishes, encouraging women to take leadership roles in the league. This can be done by pastors encouraging women to join the league and to take on leadership roles.
- We discussed the importance of the league at a parish council to show it is there for the support of the entire parish community - in union with the pastor of the parish.
- We discussed the importance of promotion of the league especially in the areas where the league has an impact on societal matters with provincial and federal governments. The primary function of the league is not fundraising but spiritual growth and leadership formation."
- We discussed the challenge that some spiritual advisors have when called upon to respond to conflicts and divisions or any factions in the league councils. This can really be a challenge for us.
- We discussed the importance of providing some spiritual development for members of the league. The spiritual advisor's input at meetings is important and welcomed.
- We discussed the need to seek good connections with all members of the league in a parish especially those who do not attend meetings. Connections are always important.
- We discussed support for parish spiritual advisors to familiarize them on the works of the league showing these works extend beyond the parish community.
- We saw the challenge for membership which is an issue for most organizations today, but how the league might try to engage women who are non members to share in the work of the league on special projects and parish events.
- We shared ideas on how we were encouraging celebration of the year of mercy- some ideas....books of mercy, retreats on mercy, talks on mercy, sharing of how we perform works of mercy everyday in our lives,

- We discussed the need to seek advice on difficult issues that might pertain to the league and to inform the bishop of issues that might affect a parish community.
- We mentioned how the councils are important to the parish community life and that the parish council will emphasize their role in supporting parish growth along with league growth.
- We discussed how issues of the league are filtered down from the national, provincial level to the parish level and how diocesan spiritual advisor can connect to parish spiritual advisors, maybe through the local chancery office.
- There were new spiritual advisors who had just been assigned so they shared who they are and their new positions and exhibited an enthusiasm in working with the league.
- I promised to keep in touch with the diocesan spiritual advisors to support them and to share ideas with them where possible.
- We will do our best to share our talents with you and together we will help the league grow and do its work for God and Canada.
- I move the acceptance of this report.

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