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**To:** Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairpersons  
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**cc:** Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers,  
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***"Find out how much God has given you and from it take  
what you need; the remainder is needed by others."  
Saint Augustine***

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Dear Sisters in the League:

Welcome to all new Christian Family Life Chairs. I hope you enjoy your term with this convenorship. Please remember, there are many categories within this committee, just work on one or two things at a time don't try to cover it all every month.

### **Marriage and Family**

**Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF)** has a beautiful booklet for your use: **"The Joy of Love" At the Heart of the Family**. This book speaks of love and it promotes respect for human life and dignity and the essential role of the family. Booklets are available through COLF [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca).

Recently I was given information that could be beneficial for husbands and wives who are having difficulties with conceiving. There could be a variety of reasons why one cannot conceive but there is some help that could be valuable for them. Three organizations which could help are:

- Fertility Care System 'Creighton Model'. This is model combines family planning and reproduction and gynecologic health. More information can be found at [www.fertiitycare.ca](http://www.fertiitycare.ca)

- The Billings Ovulation Method can be used to achieve and avoid pregnancies naturally. It teaches a woman to construe her own body's natural cycles. For further information search: [www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca](http://www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca)
- Serena is another natural family method for conception. Serena teaches the Sympto-Thermal method of Natural Family Planning. More information on this at: [www.serena.ca](http://www.serena.ca)

## Ministry to (Adult) Youth

In January of 2017, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops issued a preparatory document for the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place in October of 2018. The theme for the Synod is, "**Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.**" This is an opportunity for young people aged 16-29 to share their voice with the Universal Catholic Church. Dioceses want to support the youth on their faith journey and this is their opportunity to let the bishops hear their voices. The Synod takes place October 2017. Please encourage the adult youth in your parish to look into this. (<http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/synod-on-young-people>)

I encourage you to inform the youth of your parishes to become involved.

## Vocations

Do you have a bursary to offer to seminarians? If you don't, consider developing one. At the provincial level we are very fortunate to have the **Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary** to offer to the men of all ages studying in both St. Augustine and St. Peter Seminary. Each year the seminarians are eligible to submit their names to the provincial council in order to be awarded a share of the bursary. After visiting and speaking to seminarians at both of these seminaries the **Bursary Selection Committee** had to choose from an astounding 16 candidates! In addition, remember to pray for these men to successfully complete their studies.

My dear friends, my two-year term as Provincial Christian Family Life Chair is quickly coming to an end and this shall be my last directive to you the hardworking and caring diocesan and parish standing committee chairwomen. I thank you for sending me your questions and passing on the information sent to you. Also, I would like to acknowledge my sub-committee person, Anna Brady for her thoughtful contribution over these past two years.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide you in all you do for God, Canada and The Catholic Women's League of Canada!

*Rosanne Segan*