



Christian Family Life - Directive # 1

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

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From: Linda Squarzolo, 1st Vice President/Christian Family Life Chair
To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairs
Copy to: Ontario Provincial Executive, Diocesan Presidents, National Christian Family Life Chair, Sub-committee members

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." Corinthians 13:4-5

My Dear Sisters in the League,

It is a great pleasure to send my first directive as the Christian Family Life Chair for the Ontario Provincial Council. I look forward to working with all diocesan chairs for the Christian Family Life Committees and welcome the nine new diocesan chairs. Although I have been a League member for over 40 years, this is my first time chairing the Christian Family Life Committee. I am excited to start on this new adventure!

Sub-committee Members

I have invited two very capable ladies to serve on this committee with me. **Pat Weller** is the past president of the Pembroke Diocesan Council. **Joanne Hough** is a former past president of the Peterborough Diocesan Council.

Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary

Bishop Bernard Pappin was the provincial spiritual advisor when he passed away suddenly in 1998. In his memory a bursary fund was established to provide bursaries to give financial support to seminarians studying for a diocese in Ontario. In 2017 sixteen applications were received and ten bursaries of \$500 each will be awarded to those returning to the seminary in the fall.

Since the fund is solely financed by donations from CWL councils, all councils across Ontario are encouraged to donate to this fund to assist our seminarians. Donations can be sent to the provincial treasurer, Patricia Rivest.

National

National Christian Family Life Chair Doreen Gowans sent Communique #4 on July 5, 2017. I urge you to go to the national website to read her message, with information about parenting, fatherhood, sanctity of life and seniors. If you haven't already done so, take time to read her previous communiques, also.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest,

Bless young people
with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving
for vocations to blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

Instill those in religious life, parish ministries and families
with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacraments,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy and truth,
of justice and peace. Amen

Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I look forward to working with you over the next two years, hearing about the work you are doing in your dioceses and parishes and receiving your directives.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide your work for God and Canada.

Sincerely,

Linda Squarzolo

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