



Christian Family Life Directive #4

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To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairs
CC: Archbishop O'Brien, Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, National Christian Family Life Chair, Sub-committee Chairpersons

Before we head in different directions over the summer, I would like to wish you an enjoyable time with family and friends and to remind you to stay safe.

My summer plans involve a great deal of travel. Of course, I will be attending the provincial convention in Toronto and the national convention in Winnipeg, but before they take place, my sister and I are travelling to the Holy Land with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Not only will we be going to the Holy sites, we will also be visiting the projects that have been sponsored by the CWL. Please keep in mind that I will be out of the country from June 24th to July 5th. I am very excited and so looking forward to this trip!

I want to share a few items with you.

Apologies

I must offer my apologies to members who tried to access the Vatican website to access the questionnaire for youth. When I suggested that this site was available to our youth, I did not realize there was a time limit for completing the survey. One of the diocesan Christian Family Life chairs contacted me to say she was not able to get onto the site. After searching out the reason, I found out that it was time limited. From those that had responded, two young people from Canada were chosen to participate in a youth forum. I am sorry for any inconvenience this misinformation has caused anyone.

Suspended Coffees

A café in Sudbury opened in Sudbury in the downtown area. The owner noticed homeless people hanging around outside, so she offered them a free coffee or sandwich. The owner decided to join the "Suspended Coffees Movement" which is worldwide.

Here is how it works. When a customer places an order, she/he can pay for an extra coffee or food item which will be given to someone in need. If someone

comes in and wants to dip into the "Suspended Coffees" bucket, they just need to ask. The movement started in 2013 and has 2,000 participating businesses around the world.

Is there one in your area? Spread the word.

National Directive

Please go to the national website to read the information provided by Doreen Gowans National Christian Family Life Chair, if you haven't already done so. Two items of particular interest are the "**HUSH DVD**" which can be ordered and shown at a meeting. It focuses on the health effects of abortion on women. Secondly, the "**Catholic Christian Outreach – Rise Up Conference**" to be held in late December.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Another film of interest to members is "Fatal Flaws" which addresses the topic of legalizing assisted death. More information is available at their website at www.epcc.ca

Pray-A-Thon

I sent out information regarding a Pray-a-thon to encourage children to pray before the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August. Several people contacted me to say they had difficulty accessing the site.

Here is a summary of the given information:

Pray-A-Thon is an invitation to reach out to family members/friends and pray for them and any special intention they may have. The prayer cards can be printed and folded into a booklet. The card has space for up to 20 names and the children write the names for whom they will pray for each day. It is meant to be a personal commitment and not a competition. They can pray for as many or as few as they want. Children are invited to pray using the words "please", "Thank-you" and "I am sorry".

I have attached the downloaded pages that were available on the website.

Provincial Convention

I hope that you are planning to attend the Provincial Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Toronto. Conventions provide an insight on the way the League functions at its different levels. If you are at the convention, please come and introduce yourself.

Have an enjoyable summer!

Your League Sister,

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