



## **Christian Family Life**

### **Directive #5**

**From: Linda Squarzolo, Provincial Christian Family Life Chair**

**To: Diocesan Christian Life Chairs**

**Copy to: Provincial Executive, Diocesan Presidents, Sub-committee,  
National Christian Family Life Chair**

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**Hello to all my League Family,**

I am beginning the second year of my term as your provincial Christian Family Life Chair and must say how much I have enjoyed this standing committee. I have been home for a few weeks from my trip to the Holy Land and just returned from the national convention in Winnipeg. I have been gone so much, that I had to re-introduce myself to my family. I would like to share some updates from both these trips with you.

#### **Holy Land**

What an experience it was to spend ten days in the Holy Land (Israel and Palestine)! Imagine celebrating Mass at the "Church of the Nativity", reading the Christmas liturgy and singing Christmas carols! How about Mass on Calvary near the foot of the Cross? Think of saying the "Stations of the Cross", praying along the actual "Way of the Cross" on Via Dolorosa. These were three of the most memorable experiences, but every day held something wonderful.

I travelled on a pilgrimage with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) which is a papal organization and one of the recipients of the national council's voluntary funds. They arranged the trip specifically for CWL members, but others were also welcome. All tours, transportation, accommodations and meals were included. It was completely safe and enjoyable.

Not only did we visit most of the Holy Sites, we also met Christians who are living in the Holy Land. They have developed programs to provide services, such as medical care, education and employment for the less fortunate. We learned about their work, prayed and shared meals with them. It was so wonderful to see how the funds donated to CNEWA and Velma's Dream are being utilized.

This trip takes place annually and I encourage you to think about attending in the future, if you are able.

### **Christian Family Life News**

At the national convention, Doreen Gowans gave her final report as Christian Family Life Chair.