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Attachment: *Preparing a Prayer Service PowerPoint Presentation*

To: Diocesan Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Anna Tremblay, Ontario Provincial Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson Shari Giunta
Sub-committee members: Sharon St Jean, Margie Royle

I begin with a warm welcome to the four new diocesan spiritual development chairpersons who have joined us this year: Thelma Racine (Alexandria-Cornwall), Lynn Olenik (Thunder Bay), Mary Lappan (London) and Donna Moore (Peterborough). This is a heavy committee, so I strongly encourage you to recruit one or two sub-committee chairpersons to help you during your term.



A heartfelt thank you for promoting the \$5 Gift Card campaign introduced in April, which came to fruition at the provincial convention in Toronto in July. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of CWL members across Ontario, a total of **\$12,044.50** in donations were brought to convention. These have been distributed to 23 different groups and organizations throughout the Toronto Archdiocese, that minister to the homeless, which includes Orillia, Barrie, Newmarket/Aurora, Oshawa, Whitby, Richmond Hill, Scarborough, North York, Mississauga and downtown Toronto. Prior to convention, an **additional \$3,110.00** in gift cards was distributed locally by councils, in their communities. Also donated by delegates were toiletry items which were distributed to Covenant House and St Vincent de Paul Shelters. Please circulate this information to your parish council counterparts with sincere thanks for their most generous response to this initiative.

There are some very helpful resources on the new national website which include prayers, workshops, how to start a reading group, CWL ceremonies, skits, etc. These are available at <https://www.cwl.ca/resources/programs-and-workshops/#SD>.

Another excellent resource is a PowerPoint Presentation by Pauline Krupa and Jacqueline Nogier titled ***Preparing a Prayer Service***, which I have attached to this Directive. You may find it helpful for your personal use and/or to conduct a workshop for spiritual development chairpersons at the parish level.

Does your spiritual advisor have a copy of the *Handbook for Spiritual Advisors*? This is available at <https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/handbook-for-spiritual-advisors.pdf>. You might find it helpful to acquaint yourself with this handbook and make sure your spiritual advisor has a copy and is familiar with the contents.

When composing prayer services, it is incumbent on us to respect/observe all copyright laws. I encourage you to read *Copyright in Prayer Services* at <https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Copyright-in-Prayer-Services.pdf>. Another excellent resource for prayers/prayer services is Joyce Rupp. She grants copyright permission right in the front of all her books. All you have to do is include it exactly as printed in the book. If you happen to find something you'd like to use on the internet, you need to make contact and ask for permission to use their material.

Book of Life: A gentle reminder that national office only requires that you send the name, parish, city and diocese of deceased members, for its records. Please be timely in remitting this information. Many of you collect additional information for your Diocesan *Book of Life* and that is fine, just be diligent about submitting the required information to national office. In order to ensure accuracy, I recommend you "google" the obituary of the deceased, to verify spelling and date of. Many errors in reporting have been avoided by taking a few extra minutes for this task.

In closing, I bring to your attention the new national theme which will begin in January, ***Caring for our Common Home***, chosen by National President Anne-Marie Gorman. You might ask your sub-committee members to begin sourcing material for prayer services and music on this new theme. Keep checking the national website (www.cwl.ca), as resources (prayers, logo, etc) may be posted there as well, in the future.