



Christian Family Life Directive # 6

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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

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Happy New Year to All,

I hope Christmas brought happiness and blessings to you and your families.

As I write this message to you, it is the start of a New Year – 2019, a time of renewal, beginning anew, a fresh start and making resolutions. Where do we begin?

As I attended Mass on New Year's Day, the Feast Mary the Holy Mother of God and World Day of Peace, our priest delivered a wonderful homily and gave us many ideas to consider. One of his New Year suggestions was to try to be more like Mary, obedient to God's plan, prayerful, loving and be a blessing to everyone we encounter. I remember that message, especially, because that will be my goal for 2019!

Petition of One Million 2019

The Alliance for Life Ontario has a petition seeking the enactment of legislation granting full legal protection to the unborn children. They have been collecting signatures which they are hoping to present to the federal government when they have reached one million.

Your help is needed! They ask you to go to their website: www.petitionofonemillion.ca and print copies of the petition.

When the sheets are filled mail the completed petition to:

Alliance for Life

26 Norfolk St.

Guelph ON N1H 4H8

Bring the petitions to CWL meetings and also ask parishioners to sign.

Let's do our part to get the 1,000,000!

National Christian Family Life Communiqué # 02

If you have not read National Christian Life Chair Pat Deppiesse's communiqué from November 5, 2018, I urge you to do so. She provides information about conferences she attended, resolutions needing action, the sanctity of life and vocations. This communiqué can be found on the national website, by going to: cwl.ca/to-inform/

Vocations

If your parish or diocese has a young man in the seminary, studying for the priesthood, or a young woman in the convent, consider sending a card of encouragement, either from you personally or from your council, to let him/her know that the CWL is thinking of him/her.

Sanctity of Life

Although the Canadian government allowed medically assisted death in our country as of June 2016, we must continue to monitor the situation. Already discussions are taking place about expansion to possibly include children, incompetent people who previously requested euthanasia and for psychiatric reasons. To keep informed about this issue, information is available at www.epcc.ca

Affordable Housing for Families

Over the last year and a half, the provincial council has focussed on the issue of homelessness. As chair of the provincial Christian Family Life Committee, I would like to spend the next few months approaching our elected officials, municipal, provincial and federal, to make them aware of the need for affordable housing for low income families, individuals and seniors.

With my next directive, I will provide sample letters, which can be sent to address this issue.

New Theme

The national council has chosen the new theme for 2019 – 2020, "**Care for our Common Home**". More ideas will be forthcoming about how families can address this theme in the months ahead.

Upcoming Events

World Youth Day will be held in Panama, January 21 to 28th. Please pray for the young people who will be attending this event. If anyone is attending from your diocese, consider offering support to her/him.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is planned for Sunday, May 12, 2019. This will be the 56th time this event has been celebrated. Information can be found at: worlddayofprayerforvocations.com

World Meeting of Families will be taking place in Rome, Italy in 2021. This will be the 10th celebration of this event.

May God provide many blessings to you and your loved ones in 2019.

Sincerely,

Linda

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