



Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Spiritual Development Standing Committee

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To: Diocesan Spiritual Development Standing Chairpersons

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cc: Archbishop Prendergast, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairpersons, Sub-committee chairperson



Welcome to the month of Mary!

The first week of May is dedicated to Palliative Care and The Catholic Women's League has been very vigilant in praying for the respect of life from conception to natural death. Our 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care was chosen to run simultaneously with National Hospice Palliative Care Week of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association ~ May 4-10, 2020. Usually we would meet as a council or diocese and pray however this year that won't be possible but that can't stop us from praying - after all we are the women of The Catholic Women's League and we take our responsibilities very seriously. Our National Office has once again put together a wonderful kit for us - many great suggestions. If your members are active in social media, encourage them to share news of how they participated in this week with #12hoursofprayer. Each Spiritual Development Chair may pick a day during the week (usually we do May 4th) but it was suggested that you may pick your own day during the week to dedicate to Palliative Care - please share with me what your dioceses will be doing.

The National website as usual is a great resource - link attached.

<https://cwl.ca/12-hours-of-prayer-for-palliative-care-2020/>

Also please encourage your members to send their pictures as they honour Mary this Month - I know lots of us will be missing this tradition at our conventions. You may refer to the May newsletter article if you are wondering what I'm speaking about.

Please be aware that May 13, 2020, is WUCWO Day—the 110th anniversary of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. The prayer service, created by women of Latin America and the Caribbean, may be found at

<https://wucwo.org/index.php/en/prayers/wucwo-annual-day-of-prayer>

We encourage you to take part.

Mary Mother of God, protect us and guide us.

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OPC Spiritual Development Chair

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