



Ontario Provincial Council Communications – Directive # 1



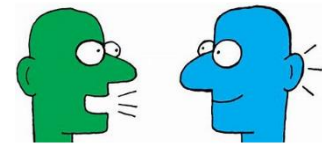
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To: Diocesan Communication Standing Chairpersons
From: Ann D'Souza, Ontario Provincial Council, Communications Chairperson
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Communications Chairperson and Sub-committee chairperson.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:6

Dear Sisters in the League,



I hope you all had a good summer break, inspired by attending all the conventions and ready to jump in as we start all over again attending to leagues day to day activities.

As I write my first directive as the Communication Chairperson for the Ontario Provincial Council I am excited and look forward to meet and work with all the newly elected and returning diocesan chairpersons for the communication committees. I am very fortunate to have Joan Schurter as my sub-committee chairperson; she is the past president for the Hamilton Diocese a great partner to work with.

My bio is available on-line on the provincial website. Right now, wearing two hats in the league, as my second role is in the Toronto Diocese as Past President/Historian. Beside that, trying to juggle my day-job in the corporate world, leaves me very little time for housework. No qualms on that., but what gives me more pleasure is the newfound love of being promoted to the role of a grandmother. The joy is indescribable. My heart leaps with joy as I watch my 2-month grandson "Liam" its an entirely new experience for sure.

When one looks at Communications, below is what comes to mind:



Good communication unlocks all doors and leads to success – A well known factor for effective communication.

Listening leads to good communication, as good communication is a two-way street.

Use well all the tools of communications.

"Care for our Common Home" the theme from National, has received wide appreciation throughout the league. Workshops and presentations have been done at Parish council meetings and at conventions, which surely made us pause, think and reflect on God's creation. A gift from God, the earth is threatened by man's abuse of his freedom. Pope Francis in his Encyclical "Praise Be to You" challenges all people to praise and thank God for his glorious creation and to work together to safeguard her.

Focus on **Loneliness**: Our Provincial President, Colleen Perry, has, for the next two years, asked us to focus on Loneliness. "Communication" can play a key role. You may ask "by doing what?". Use the platform of communicating and bring awareness if you know someone who is lonely. An incident comes to mind when I visited an old aged home. There was this lady who held my hand when I greeted her and would not let go, she wanted me to sit and talk to her. She told me that her family had not visited her for the last three weeks. She did make an excuse that they may be busy, and hence her son had not come to take her to Church for Mass. A visit she said was the highlight of the week as she would prepare herself to wear the best dress and longing to hear the news of her grandchildren. Here is one form of loneliness

→ **Action**: visit old aged homes, take time to sit and listen.

Quote from St. Mother Teresa "The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

Loneliness can lead to depression; one does not have to be poor to be lonely. Hence, we should reach out beyond old people, watch out for the signs. Loneliness has no age barrier. Loneliness can lead to drugs, and alcohol, which can result in sickness. Do your part to help. **Let's pray: "Lord help me to reach beyond my circle of comfort to touch the lonely and needy around me".**

An area of concern was raised that, CBC aired in July a "Drag Kids" documentary, featuring four young children who dress in "drag" to entertain raucous LGBT crowds with lewd and sexually-suggestive dance moves. These underage kids – ages 9 to 12 are being exploited. A bit concerning to see young children are being groomed for exhibitionist, immoral entertainment, sexualized for profit and fame by the adults of influence in their lives. These kids are vulnerable. A petition was signed, and many wrote to CBC to complain, unfortunately all concerns are ignored.

Be aware, as individuals and citizens you can raise your voice and be heard.

Please visit the National website <https://cwl.ca/communique-6-communications/> and read the communique of Doreen Gowans', the National Communication Chairperson, it has information on how to print the postcards, facts on pornography.

Your CWL Sister,

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