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Spiritual Development Standing Committee

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To: Diocesan Spiritual Development Standing Chairpersons

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

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity may one day be restored And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love They will know we are Christians by our love As I was preparing prayers for our monthly Provincial conference call I was blessed with some divine intervention. I had received an email the other day from Shari Guinta National Spiritual Chairperson she attached a letter from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops about the disturbing events surrounding the death of Mr. George Floyd. This letter is a request for our help as Catholic Women to join in communion and solidarity with the Holy Father and the Catholic Bishops of the United States to pray for all those who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism, to work for reconciliation and healing, as well as the peace and justice in our land and throughout the world. I was fortunate to stumble upon this Novena and it brought me to tears and I know that the Holy Spirit led me to this so I could share it with you.

The link to this Novena for Peace on Earth is as follows; <u>https://novenas.sacredspace.ie/prayer-for-peace-on-earth-day-1</u>

As I mentioned above I couldn't help myself and read through all nine days but tomorrow I am going to start again and meditate on each prayer day by day. I invite you to join in this Novena. For those who may not have access to the internet I urge you to copy this Novena into a word document and share it.

The song/prayer, "And they will know we are Christians by our love", has been my daily prayer for the last month, it seems like God was leading me to this. Thank you Lord, Jesus for this beautiful find.

Peace be with you and with the whole world,

Your sister in Christ

Emma Rose Rayburn

OPC Spiritual Development Chair

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