

Gift Cards Instead of Items for Blessings Bags.....

2018 Ontario Provincial Convention Gift Card Initiative:

In keeping with our focus on Homelessness, members are being asked to donate a \$5 Gift Card. Everyone enjoys a coffee, tea or hot chocolate once in a while, so this is our treat for people who may not enjoy them as often as we do. In addition, a gift card provides a sense of dignity by allowing the receiver to pay/make their own choice.

Gift cards are easy to bring to convention (should you so choose)

Councils might consider:

- Opening this initiative up to all parishioners
- Inviting members to bring a gift card to their June end-of-year event
- Purchasing gift cards, funds permitting
- Hosting a fund raising event and delegating those funds to purchase gift cards
- Being creative in promoting this initiative

So, we invite all members across Ontario, to donate a \$5 Gift Card. Consider inviting family members and friends to donate a card or two. Better yet, extend the invitation to parishioners. What a great way to let others know what the League is doing, both locally and provincially. Perhaps your June meeting could be a **Gift Card Meeting**. Can you imagine the end result if every single member contributed one \$5 gift card? It would be nothing less than **AWESOME!**

If you already have items for the blessing bagsnot to fear! There will be containers to place items in and they will be distributed to the shelters across the diocese.