



**Ontario Provincial Council of  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**



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To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons

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***"In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." Mathew 5:16***

**My Dear Sisters in the League,**

In my July directive, I mentioned that our provincial president Linda Squarzolo announced her theme for the next 2 years - *"Go Make a Difference!"*. She has charged each of her executive council members to adopt a focused *"Go Make a Difference!"* project. I shared the project for Christian Family Life in the October provincial newsletter but I do want to share it directly with you as Christian family life chairpersons. Please pass it along to your counterparts at the parish level and encourage them to pick a few of the suggestions to action. It is specifically designed so our grass root members could participate.

***Christian Family Life Focus Project***

In the light of all the issues surrounding the church (abuse, indigenous issues, etc.) and recognizing that our priests, religious and deaconate must deal with personal stress related to same, I would like the focus for Christian Family Life Standing Committee to be directed towards **"Vocations"**

Action Plan:

1. Offer a Mass for the intentions of your pastor.
2. Offer a Mass for the intention for young persons to discern a vocation to the priesthood or persons in religious life.
3. Offer a Mass for the intentions of any/all persons in religious life.
3. Invite priests and religious to speak at your meetings on vocations.

4. Send a "thinking of you card" or a "thank you" to your pastor and/or persons in religious life.
5. Remember to congratulate them on their anniversaries. Some ideas include: send a card of congratulations, gift a bottle of wine, offer a Mass, have a "come and go", offer a spiritual bouquet.
6. Remember them on special occasions with a card/present: Christmas, Easter, etc.
7. Offer an invitation to your home for a meal or a visit.
8. Discuss vocations with your children, grandchildren and friends.
9. Donate to the Bishop F. Pappin Bursary Fund – Donations sent to provincial treasurer with the cheque made payable to the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Note Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary in the memo line.
10. Share information about the Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund with your parish council.
11. Share information about the Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund with any seminarians you may know.
12. Adopt a seminarian or novitiate. Send him/her a card or note of encouragement during their studies. Send a Christmas card, invite them for a meal. Invite them to come to a meeting and speak about their journey.
13. Pray often for a specific priest or religious or any/all priests and persons in the religious life.
14. Pray for vocations.

This plan's actions are aimed at religious life and the priesthood but please remember that a vocation is a call not only the priesthood or religious life. Single life and married life are also vocations. Your specific calling is unique to you. God has plans for all and He calls us to freely and generously respond to his call.

### ***Sanctity of Life***

I want to share with you part of the October newsletter from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition – the letter from Executive Director Alex Shadenberg, which highlights some significant victories over the last month. I have attached it to this directive. For the entire newsletter go to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition website at [www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)

### ***National Christian Family Life Fall Memo***

We have just received the fall mailing which includes the Christian Family Life Memo from our national counterpart Dorothy Johansen. She includes some excellent information and resources in Marriage and Family; Sanctity of Life; Ministry to Youth, Disabled, Seniors, Widowed, Separated, and Divorced; and Vocations. Please take a few minutes and go to the national website [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) to read this memo.

One of the things she points out relates directly to our "Go Make a Difference!" CFL Project: Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo, the patron saint of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians and spiritual leaders. Encourage your council to offer a mass for someone who might need encouragement.

I'm looking forward to our "Meet & Greet" ZOOM meeting coming soon!

May our Lady's love and blessings be with you.

*Betsy*