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Spiritual Development Standing Committee**

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To: Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairs
From: Wilma Vanderzwaag, Ontario Provincial Council Spiritual Development Chair
cc: Sub-Committee Chairs, Diocesan Presidents, Ontario Provincial Council Executive,
National Spiritual Development Committee Chairperson

"Let us learn from the Virgin Mary how to be bolder in obeying the word of God."
Pope Francis

As I prepare this directive, we are halfway through Lent. Many diocesan councils have prepared prayers, reflections and retreats to assist our sisters in the League to foster a closer relationship with our God. Continue to create new ways to pray together and keep us all connected through our faith.

April 26th is the memorial day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. All parish councils across the province are encouraged to acknowledge this day in some way. The National Council website has resources to assist under the heading "To organize", listed in the 700 series. There are also attachments with information to assist in planning to mark this date.

Our National Chairperson of Spiritual Development, Cathy Bouchard sent a communique with important information to share with our members. It is an attachment to this directive. Please take the time to read and share the many opportunities to learn more about our faith. On March 15th, I attended a virtual meeting lead by Cathy Bouchard to dialogue about faith chairs and how to best serve the League. More meetings and information will follow.

April is also the month of many diocesan council conventions. May our Lady of Good Counsel give you inspiration and encouragement as you prepare the liturgies for the conventions. May this prayer assist you with your preparations:

Lord, through the intercession of
Our Lady of Good Counsel, teach us
to know your will and guide
us in all we do. Amen.