

## Introduction

**Thank you for participating in the testing of a new annual reporting system. As parish spiritual development standing committee chairpersons, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.**

**The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.**

**Thank you for completing this annual report. It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what your members interests are.**

\* 1. Name of Chairperson:

\* 2. Name of Parish Council:

\* 3. Parish Town:

\* 4. Diocese:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Antigonish                | <input type="radio"/> Mackenzie            | <input type="radio"/> Saint John       |
| <input type="radio"/> Alexandria-Cornwall       | <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> St. John's       |
| <input type="radio"/> Bathurst                  | <input type="radio"/> Moncton              | <input type="radio"/> St. Paul         |
| <input type="radio"/> Calgary                   | <input type="radio"/> Montreal             | <input type="radio"/> Saskatoon        |
| <input type="radio"/> Charlottetown             | <input type="radio"/> Nelson               | <input type="radio"/> Sault Ste. Marie |
| <input type="radio"/> Corner Brook and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Ottawa               | <input type="radio"/> Sherbrooke       |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmonton                  | <input type="radio"/> Pembroke             | <input type="radio"/> Thunder Bay      |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmundston                | <input type="radio"/> Peterborough         | <input type="radio"/> Timmins          |
| <input type="radio"/> Grand Falls               | <input type="radio"/> Prince Albert        | <input type="radio"/> Toronto          |
| <input type="radio"/> Grouard-McLennan          | <input type="radio"/> Prince George        | <input type="radio"/> Valleyfield      |
| <input type="radio"/> Halifax-Yarmouth          | <input type="radio"/> Quebec               | <input type="radio"/> Vancouver        |
| <input type="radio"/> Hamilton                  | <input type="radio"/> Regina               | <input type="radio"/> Victoria         |
| <input type="radio"/> Hearst                    | <input type="radio"/> St. Boniface         | <input type="radio"/> Whitehorse       |
| <input type="radio"/> Kamloops                  | <input type="radio"/> St. Catharines       | <input type="radio"/> Winnipeg         |
| <input type="radio"/> Keewatin-The Pas          | <input type="radio"/> St. Hyacinthe        | <input type="radio"/> Not applicable   |
| <input type="radio"/> Kingston                  | <input type="radio"/> St. Jean-Longueuil   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> London                    | <input type="radio"/> St. Jerome           |  |

\* 5. Province:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Alberta Mackenzie    | <input type="radio"/> New Brunswick             | <input type="radio"/> Quebec               |
| <input type="radio"/> B.C. & Yukon         | <input type="radio"/> Newfoundland and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Prince Edward Island |
| <input type="radio"/> Manitoba             | <input type="radio"/> Nova Scotia               | <input type="radio"/> Saskatchewan         |
| <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> Ontario                   |  |

## Spiritual Growth of Members

**The spiritual dimension sets the League apart from all other women's organizations.**

\* 6. Has your council studied the theme One Heart, One Voice, One Mission and, if so, in what ways?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Held a retreat          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepared prayer services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosted a workshop       | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflected on the theme at meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invited a guest speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't studied the theme.      |

\* 7. Does your council spend one third of its time on the spiritual aspect of membership?

- Yes  No

\* 8. What types of liturgies and programs have you organized for your council this year?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | <input type="checkbox"/> Reciting the League prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/musical media events         | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreats                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candlelight vigils                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture reflections      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intercessions                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal prayers           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litanies                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stations of the Cross      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masses                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novenas                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual displays            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrimages                        |   |

Other (please specify)

\* 9. Did you use any of the following resources when developing your liturgies and spiritual programs?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 33 Days of Morning Glory retreat                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marian Helper magazine  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha course                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayers and Workshops for Women of Peace and Hope                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Quid Novum weekly bulletin  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Digest website                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rediscovering Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL Ceremonies Booklet                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorter Christian Prayer book   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL Day of Peace & Hope Activities Kit            | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Anthony Messenger magazine  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL Prays booklet                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bible Timeline: The Story of Creation                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lectio Divina                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> The Word Among Us magazine  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Rock Scripture Study                       | <input type="checkbox"/> WUCWO website   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living with Christ missal                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)                            |  |

\* 10. For your own personal growth, have you enrolled in any lay formation programs or retreats?

- Yes  No

If yes, what was the name of the program?

\* 11. In your estimation, how many of your council members have contacted the prayer partner who was assigned to them in the Winter 2015 edition of The Canadian League?

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 100%   | <input type="radio"/> 40-59% |
| <input type="radio"/> 80-99% | <input type="radio"/> 20-39% |
| <input type="radio"/> 60-79% | <input type="radio"/> 0-19%  |

\* 12. How did your council celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26th in keeping with Resolution 1924.01 which asks members to make April 26th a day of special prayer for the intentions of the League?

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon | <input type="checkbox"/> Watched the CWL televised mass    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mass     | <input type="checkbox"/> We didn't celebrate it this year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat  |  |

\* 13. Resolution 1988.03 Peace and Resolution 2000.01 Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mother and Evangelizer of America call on members to organize celebrations on December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and December 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe). Has your council celebrated either of the feast days this year?

Yes

No

Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

Feast of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe

## Study of Catholic Teachings

**Faith is a way of life which is characterized by a constant and ongoing conversion and renewal of mind and heart. Members must constantly be in the process of spiritual growth.**

\* 14. Have you promoted courses and programs that would contribute to the faith enrichment of your council members?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the courses and programs.

\* 15. Has your council read or studied any of the following encyclicals?

Christifideles Laici

Laudato Si

Evangelii Gaudium

Mulieris Dignitatem

Evangelii Nuntiandi

None of the above

\* 16. Have you formed groups or encouraged members to enroll in groups that study and share information from any of the following?

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Lay formation programs

CCCB website

Vatican website

Distance education programs

No, I haven't.

17. Did your council act on any of the following resolutions related to the study of Catholic teachings and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for the resolved clauses.]

|   | Attended workshops and seminars | Arranged for a guest speaker | Promoted self-study on the topic |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1958.06 Sacramentals                        | <input type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| 1965.07 Canadian Catholic Conference        | <input type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| 1974.01 Prayer for Peace                    | <input type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| 1986.03 Love of Preference for the Poor     | <input type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| 1989.02 Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons | <input type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>         |

## Role of Women in the Church

**Women are called to take an active and responsible leadership role in the church's life and mission by actively participating in the League, church and community.**

\* 18. In the past year has your council undertaken any studies of women in scripture?

Yes

No

\* 19. Do you promote an awareness of women's place in church and society as found in scripture?

Yes

No

\* 20. Resolution 1982.01 Role of Women in the Church called on members to "work toward the kind of personal development and structural evolution which would enable the church to reflect more fully the partnership of women and men in Christ's mission." In response, what leadership roles have your members undertaken in the church?

Canon lawyers

Parish pastoral council

Chancellors/vice chancellors

Pastoral associates

Diocesan council/committees

Regional pastoral council

Parish committee chairperson

Trustee

Parish finance committee

None of the above

\* 21. Have you joined your parish liturgy committee?

Yes

No

## Evangelization and Mission Assistance

**Members are called to lead all people to encounter Christ. The League's mission will remain incomplete until we can say we have shared not only our material goods with others, but more importantly, our gift of faith.**

\* 22. Did your council participate with the Knights of Columbus in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign?

Yes

No

\* 23. The Catholic Women's League of Canada officially supports Catholic Missions In Canada as its primary missionary outreach in Canada. How much has your council donated to this fund in 2015?

Total donation:

24. What other missions in Canada have been supported by your council and how? [Please note missions in developing countries are reported under the community life standing committee.]

|                            | Goods                    | Monetary                 | Time                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Esk-Omi Missions           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kee-Pas Missions           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St. Francis Xavier Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other (please specify)

\* 25. In the past year, have you contacted Catholic Missions In Canada or any other Canadian missions to offer your council's assistance?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe the assistance requested by the mission.

\* 26. Do you promote the purchase of Christmas postage stamps in keeping with Resolution 2005.01 where Canada Post is asked to ensure a Nativity postage stamp is available every Christmas?

Yes

No

27. Four resolutions remain active under the heading of evangelization and mission assistance that pertain to identified groups in society. Each of the resolutions referred to having the parish establish committees to assist these groups in a pastoral way. Please identify if your parish has established committee specific to any of these resolutions

|  | Yes                   | No                    |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1937.08 Apostleship of the Sea (seamen)        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 1959.05 Indians                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 1976.02 Pontifical Missionary Work of Children | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 1986.01 Needs of the Elderly in Our Parishes   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Lay Ministries

**The strength of League ministry can be measured in proportion to the depth of members' spirituality.**

\* 28. Please list the lay ministries that you have personally participated in during the year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to participate in any lay ministry. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator          | <input type="checkbox"/> I choose not to participate in lay ministry.    |

Other (please specify)

\* 29. Please list the lay ministries that your council members have participated in during the year.

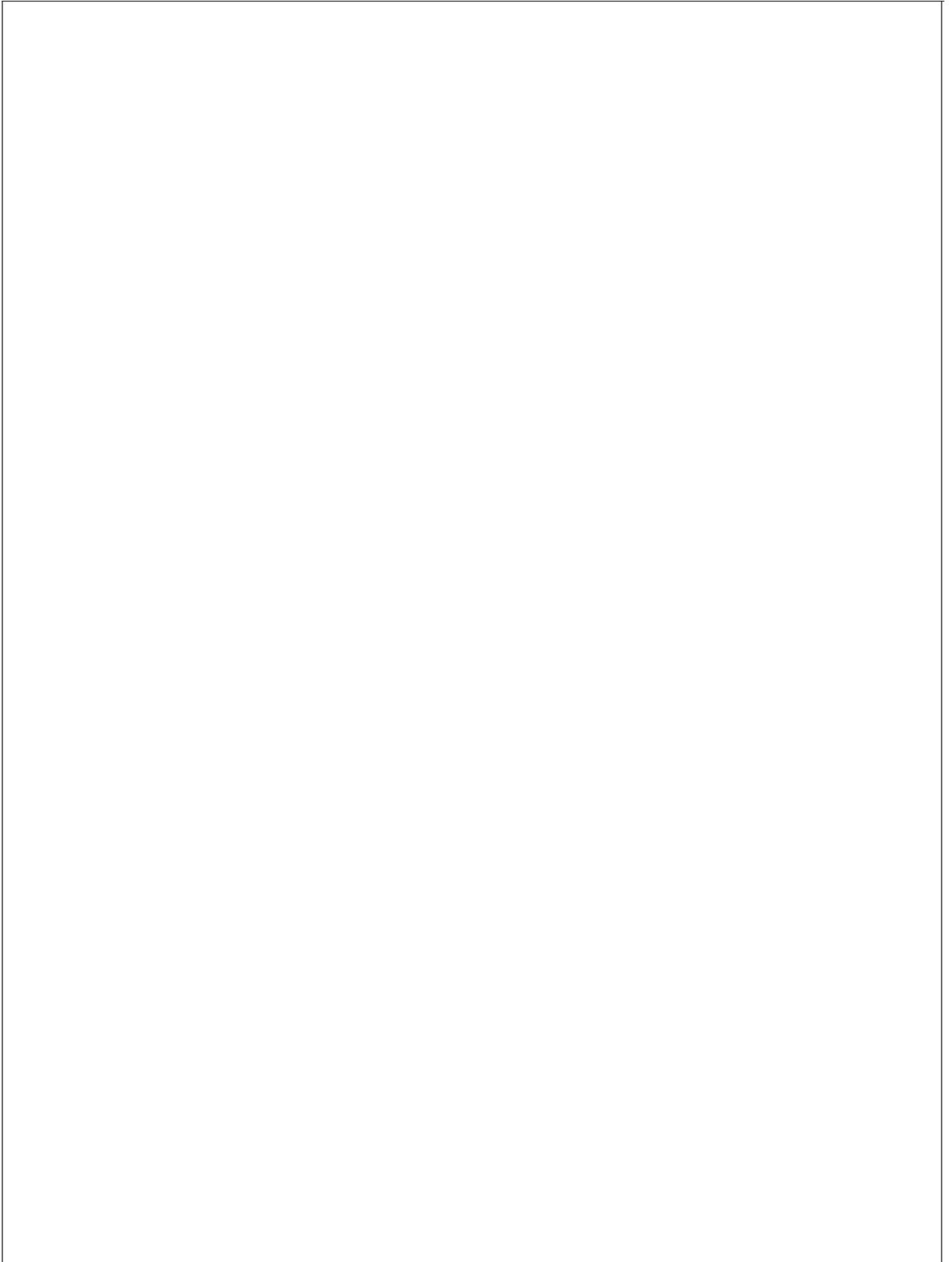
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|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist            | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher       |

Other (please specify)

\* 30. Please note if any of these ministries are chaired/organized by a CWL member in your parish.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating           | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic minister | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator          |  |

Other (please specify)



## Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

**Ongoing interfaith dialogues have revealed vast areas of common action and result in the collaboration of churches on a range of social issues.**

31. In what ways has your council reached out to women of other denominations or faiths?

|                                   | Other Churches           | Other Faiths             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Initiated joint prayer services   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Invited women to council meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Invited women to social events    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

\* 32. Did your council promote awareness of or participate in the any of the following?

|  | Yes                   | No                    |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fellowship of the Least Coin                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| World Day of Prayer (March)                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| WUCWO Day (May)                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

## Summary and Final Thoughts

33. Is there anything else you would like to share about your council's spiritual development activities?