

## Catholic Women's League of Canada

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### **One Heart, One Voice, One Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care**

To: Chairpersons of Spiritual Development, Parish Presidents, Provincial Executive, Life Members, National Chairperson/Spiritual Development

From: Ellen Merrigan, Chairperson Spiritual Development

Welcome back after our beautiful summer. Hope everyone is well rested and ready to continue our journey in completing our theme *One Heart, One Voice, One Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care*.

I would like to introduce our new chairperson of Spiritual Development, Jacqueline Nagier from Manitoba. I am looking forward to working with her as we complete this year's theme and begin our next one in January.

Our faith and spirituality are what separates the League from other service based organizations. The first objective of the League is to achieve individual and collective spiritual development.

It is important for the spiritual development chair to have the support of the spiritual advisor. There are resources on the National Website that can be downloaded for spiritual advisors. One is a Guide for Spiritual Advisors which should be presented to your Special Advisor. The Guide explains why we have spiritual advisors, what is expected of them, and the organization of the Catholic Women's League. Also available is a Guide for Presidents on How to Work with the Spiritual Advisor. The spiritual advisor should have a copy of the Handbook for Spiritual Advisors and a subscription to the League magazine and should be aware of the provincial and national websites. The key to working successfully with your spiritual advisor is to communicate, communicate and then communicate some more.

Remember we are women of compassion, mercy and justice. These qualities are the heart of the mission of God the Father. This year's theme logo reflects these qualities. We are about to launch a new theme logo but at present we need to continue to place our emphasis on Palliative and Hospice Care. We will continue to have our "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" on May 4, 2017. This gives us ample time to prepare for the upcoming prayer service.

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Ellen Merrigan,

Spiritual Development, Chairperson