



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT, WOMEN RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

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To: Chairperson of Spiritual Development/Parish Presidents /Provincial President/
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Welcome to 2017. The Door of Mercy officially closed but we must continue to act upon the mission Pope Francis entrusted to us. In the Gospel of February 5, (Sermon on the Mount), Jesus called us “salt and light”, pointing to our mission in the world. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we live not only for ourselves but for others. By our words and our example, we are called to be “salt and light” people, spreading the message of the gospel, passing on the faith and living good Christian lives, thus seasoning and brightening up the lives of others with the flavor of the Gospel and the light of Christ.

The new year brought a new theme, *INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT, WOMEN RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL*. Reflect on this theme, let it talk to you, guide you and move you closer to the Holy Spirit. My counterpart at National reminds us that spiritual growth is vital for our members. She suggests a prayer and gratitude journal as a useful tool in helping us stay on track. In the journal you write down one thing each day that you are grateful for and the names of the people you pray for on a daily basis. We need to speak to God and listen to Him. I urge all councils to make sure their council meetings are one-third spiritual.

The World Day of Prayer happens on March 3, 2017. This year the women of the Philippines are highlighted. The theme is “Am I Being Unfair to You?”

Another important date is May 4, 2017. This is the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. The CWL web site provides a “Care Kit” of information concerning this.

There are many articles and web sites to assist members on their faith journey.

1. Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life, by Joanna Weaver. A bible Study.
2. Messy and Foolish: How to Make a Mess. Be a Fool and Evangelize the World.
3. Living with Christ
4. Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins. Go to saltandlighttv.org/lectiodivina

May Our Lady of Good Counsel provide guidance as members continue to be there for those in need. Remember we are all called to action and we need to respond.

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