



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



TO: Base Council Presidents, Spiritual Development Chairpersons,
Military Ordinariate Administrative Committee

FROM: CWL Military Ordinariate Spiritual Development Chairperson

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MEMO: #2 (2016-2018)

SUBJECT: Subchair, new theme, upcoming celebrations, twin councils

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fruitful Advent and a wonderful Christmas. I love the feasts, treats, and special activities of the holidays, but I always look forward to filling out a fresh calendar, getting organized, and getting back to routine when we return to Ordinary Time.

As mentioned in my last memo, I asked an experienced CWL member to be my sub chair this term. I would like to officially introduce **Carole Matiowsky** from the Kingston council. Many of you know her from past councils, past conventions, and from her previous time on the MO Admin Committee. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. She has been a big help already, having taken my place at the fall Admin Committee meeting, which was held too soon after my daughter's birth for me to travel. Carole has agreed to assume the Book of Life duties so it can be kept safely in Canada. She will help me with a spiritual for the spring Admin Committee web conference, and we will work together, with the guidance of Father Chinedu, to prepare an awesome spiritual program for convention.

Although the Spiritual Development chair has, in recent years, been sending sympathy cards and Mass cards as appropriate, the MO Secretary will resume that duty as per the Admin Committee guidelines. If there are prayer requests to be forwarded to our members, however, I will continue to do that by e-mail. Keep them coming! We love praying for our sisters in the League! I will also continue the main responsibility of sending memos, preparing reports, and passing on news and initiatives from National.

Speaking of new initiatives, there is a new theme for 2017-2018 that replaces "One Heart, One Voice, One Mission." It is "**Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call.**" The logo is beautiful and can be downloaded, along with a prayer card and recruiting handout, from the CWL website (www.cwl.ca -- under the "Resources" drop-down menu from the top, select "Promotional Materials"). The prayer card describes the symbolism of the logo and provides a lovely prayer we can use to focus our activities for the next two years.

In the short-term, here are some upcoming celebrations that your councils can discuss and/or pray about in your January and February meetings:

- World Day of Migrants and Refugees (15 January)
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January)
- Conversion of St. Paul (25 January)
- World Day for Consecrated Life (2 February)
- World Day of the Sick and Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February)

Finally, at the post-convention executive meeting, a base council president asked for a reminder about twin councils. Staying in touch with your twin council, through prayer and correspondence, is a great way to keep the Military Ordinariate connected across the many miles between our base chapels. Request

a membership list from your twin so you can pray for them by name! Perhaps bring/send something special to exchange at convention. Here are your new twin partners:

Esquimalt ~ Edmonton
Borden ~ Shearwater
Cold Lake ~ Comox
Trenton ~ Halifax

Gagetown ~ Kingston
Winnipeg ~ Ottawa
Greenwood ~ Petawawa

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need help or ideas for your meetings. Alternatively, please feel free to contact me if there are ideas or resources you would like to share.

With my prayers for a productive and fulfilling 2017,

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