



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Diocesan Presidents and Spiritual Development Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC Spiritual Development Chairperson, Emma Rose Rayburn
From: Mary Lappan, Second Vice President, Spiritual Development Chairperson
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Directive # 8

"He will judge the peoples with equity." Psalm 96

Greetings to all my CWL sisters,

Originally, my directive was going to be about spicing up the spiritual component of your meeting but after attending the National Convention I decided to talk about a topic I wrote about when I was treasurer.

Father David Reilander from Catholic Missions in Canada was in attendance to receive a cheque for the money donated for the year. They have been in partnership with the Catholic Women's League for 25 years and have received donations totalling \$1,326,255.00 during that time. This is one quarter of the money that has been distributed to 23 Dioceses in Canada. This year Father David received a cheque for \$38,000.00. Considering the number of councils in Canada, this is really not very much! He told us that as you move north in Canada, living conditions become more like Third World countries and that Canadian missions are spiritually poorer than Africa. What does this mean for us? As treasurer I saw where your charitable donations went and Catholic Missions in Canada seemed to be on the lower end of the list. It would be wonderful if every council in our Diocese made a small donation to this worthwhile Canadian charity. Their website is www.cmic.info. Check it out!

Now that I'm off my soapbox, I'd like to remind everyone about the special saint days in September and October.

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	October 1 – St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
September 12 – Most Holy Name of Mary	October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi
September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows	October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary
September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul	October 11 – St. John XXIII
	October 22 – St. John Paul II

If you are interested, Google "prayers for St. Vincent de Paul", and you can download a simple novena to this popular saint.

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Please ensure your deceased members for 2019 have been reported so they can be included in our Book of Life.

I hope to see many of you at one of our Fall Regional Days.

Blessings,

Mary Lappan



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