

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Communiqué # 5

Inspired by the Spirit...Women Respond to God's Call

Date:	April 12, 2018
To:	Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life
CC:	Provincial Executive (for information) National Chairperson of Christian Family Life (for information)
From:	Carol Schlachter, Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life

Greetings:

So much important news is coming forward and this is rather time sensitive. However, although it has been forwarded through all proper channels, I wish to share it on the provincial website.

This has been issued from Sr. Nancy Sullivan, Executive Director, National Association of Vocation/Formation Directors. Information from Deacon Mike Walsh, Executive Director of the National Catholic Broadcasting Council.

Current schedule of Masses and themes dedicating a Week of Daily TV Masses for Prayers for Vocations which leads up to the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, April 22nd.

The dates and themes (Subject to Change):

Mass to tape on Thursday, April 5th at 4:00 pm for the Mass of Saturday, April 14

Mass to tape on Tuesday, April 10th at 4:00 pm for the Mass of Monday, April 16

Mass to tape on Tuesday, April 10th at 5:00 pm for the Mass of Tuesday, April 17

Mass to tape on Wednesday, April 11th at 4:00 pm for the Mass of Wednesday, April 18

Mass to tape on Wednesday, April 11th at 5:00 pm for the Mass of Thursday, April 19

Mass to tape on Thursday, April 12th at 4:00 pm for the Mass of Friday, April 20

Mass to tape on Thursday, April 12th at 5:00 pm for the Mass of Saturday, April 21

The masses are held at Loretta Abbey in Toronto. We are all asked to join in prayer as possible.

Vocations *“are a gift of God” and “they are born in communities of faith...” (Ecclesia in America)*

Permission to share with you the following:

“To move to the other side of the country at 18 years old to begin discerning the priesthood and study philosophy was quite the shock to my system. Having been a real homebody, being far from my family and community was very difficult. Although I was extremely grateful for all of the assurances of prayers and the generous financial support I always received, there was another form of support that kept me going. From my first semester in the seminary, for every month of my eight years of formation, I received a letter from a different member of my local CWL council.

These would include greeting cards, newspaper clippings from home and even the occasional “care package”, which usually included homemade cookies. Nothing prepares a man better to give of himself entirely in the priesthood than to be so entirely loved by the people he is preparing to serve.

As a former seminarian and now Vocation Director, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU to my beloved Sisters in Christ of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada!”

-Fr. Cristino Bouvette,
Director of Vocations, Diocese of Calgary

Sisters in the League:

Such a simple way of showing our support, love and appreciation for our seminarians and religious.
How easy it is!

Hopefully, we can join in prayer for any of the scheduled masses listed. If not, please consider a daily prayer for Vocations wherever you might be.

Blessings,

Carol Schlachter

