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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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***Inspired by the Spirit – Women Respond to God's Call***

TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Spiritual Development  
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
CC: National Chairperson of Spiritual Development (for information)

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It is my fondest prayer that everyone has survived this winter and are looking as forward to Spring as I am. My heart lifts when winter raises it coat and the birds begin to sing and flowers to bloom.

The week of May 6 – 12, 2018 has been designated National Hospice Palliative Care Week by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. National Executive are calling upon us to show the power of our prayer through another “12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care” initiative. Our own Past Presidents Fran Lucas and Becky Kallal have prepared a workshop kit for our use, which can be downloaded from the national cwl.ca site at <https://www.cwl.ca/12-hours-of-prayer-for-palliative-care-2018/>. In the words of Pope Francis “*Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer.*”

May 13<sup>th</sup> is the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organizations (WUCWO) Day. On the provincial website, under the Spiritual Development section you will find the ceremony prepared by WUCWO Asia Pacific Region. Please consider celebrating along with ladies from all over the world in the prayers *against* war, terrorism, corruption and *for* justice, freedom and Peace.

The week of May 12 – 20 is the National Week for Life and the Family. It is time for reflection on the inestimable value of human life from conception to natural death and the central role of the family in society – challenging each of us to embrace and live the Church’s vision of life and family. The Canadian Congress of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) website has resources for planning events and activities around this very special week. <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/4814-2018-national-week-for-life-and-the-family>.

God’s Blessing to you all