



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

Vice President - **Spiritual Development** Standing Committee

Annual Report 2011

To: National Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson
Provincial President, Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
President-Elect, Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

5/5 Diocesan Councils reporting

Spiritual Growth of Members:

- Participated in workshops regarding changes to the Roman Missal. Studies of the Catholic Catechism
- Activities included; Bibles studies; prayer groups; studies of Women in the Bible; retreats focused on the theme of "Centred on Faith & Justice" ; Lenten and Advent retreats; recitation of the rosary; studies of Women Saints; various spiritual-based seminars; pilgrimages to Lac Ste Anne and Girouxville and Healing Circles; Celebrating special Marian feast days
- Secret sister / prayer partner prayer programs
- Spiritual programs at all meetings enriched the membership using materials from various resources.
- Visiting of sick & shut in; masses for ill or deceased members and their families.
- Speakers spoke on "Hospice"; "Women in the Gospel"

Evangelization and Mission Assistance/ Ecumenism:

- Supported Coady Institute; Adopt-A-Child; Nickels for the North; Development and Peace; food banks; Pennies for the Poor; Seminarians; post-fire Slave Lake Community; the Bishop's Adult formation Program; and Catholic Missions In Canada
- Participated in World Day of Prayer; Christian Unity Week; Remembrance Day Services; Community Way of the Cross; Christmas hamper programs

Lay ministries:

- Act as Eucharistic ministers; choir ministers; sponsors for RCIA; Sacramental preparation programs; lectors; adult servers and pastoral council members; visitors to the sick & shut ins in seniors' homes and hospitals

Resources used:

- Internet; CWL Booklet "Prayers and Workshops for Women of Peace & Hope 2010"; "The Word Among Us" "Spirituality for a Busy Woman"; the Holy Bible; videos

General Comments:

The women of Alberta Mackenzie prayed and worked hard together for the betterment of the League and parish and communities. They continue to seek ways to improve their spiritual life. They have asked for ideas on mentoring programs, more sharing of resources and simple spiritual programs. They requested workshops on spiritual development.

192 members have passed to their eternal reward in 2011

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And may perpetual light shine upon them."
Amen

Respectfully submitted,
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