



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL Council
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
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*God of faithfulness, God ever new,
as this new year brings new projects and possibilities,
we are in need of energy and renewed hope.
Wondering what change are we able to effect
by our words and actions and prayers;
we need your grace to guide our hearts.
We need the power of your Son to rekindle and sustain our passion.
We need the wisdom of your Spirit to see the ever-present possibility for change
and conversion, for growth and transformation.
Give us eyes of faith, that we might see the wonders in our midst,
that we might have the courage to hope.*

As this is my first communique as your Spiritual Development Chair for the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL, I chose a prayer asking for God's loving guidance as we begin a new year.

Ideas for Prayers for Meetings:

- Pick a theme for the prayers. For example "We Have Seen the Lord", which is the CWL National theme
- A theme may also be chosen for the particular season i.e. Advent, Lent, etc.
- Plan an opening and closing prayer including the "League Prayer"
- Use resources from the CWL National website that are listed under Spiritual Development; go online for resources or look for material at Catholic bookstores
- Start with Mass if possible
- Approach your Spiritual Advisors for ideas for prayer selection

New Provincial Spiritual Advisor:

- We are pleased to welcome Father Andrew Bogdanowicz from St. Thomas More parish in Edmonton as our newly appointed Provincial Spiritual Advisor and look forward to working with him over the next few years. We wish to thank Father Jim Corrigan, our Spiritual Advisor for the past five years, for his wonderful guidance, support and friendship that he has shared with all of us

Pope Francis:

- All members have been called to pray for our brothers and sisters in Syria
- *Our Sunday Visitor* Catholic publishing has a new pamphlet available entitled 'The Light of Faith' – Pope Francis' first encyclical that completes the message triad started by Pope Benedict XVI – which guides Catholics to a full communion with Christ. This concise, easy-to-read pamphlet encourages parishioners to keep the light of faith burning strong through the profession of faith, celebration of the sacraments, the Ten Commandments and prayer.

Deceased Members:

- Please be diligent in reporting deceased members to the CWL National Office. Forms for reporting deceased members are available online from the CWL National website. Once National receives this information, a copy will be forwarded to both the Provincial and Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairs. This is important so that name of the member can be listed in the 'Book of Life.'

Elsie Yanik Award:

- Do you have a member who has done outstanding work in your council, in your parish or in your community? Do you feel that they should be recognized for their dedicated service? If so, please consider nominating them for the Alberta Mackenzie CWL ``Elsie Yanik`` award. A new brochure about this award is being developed and will be sent out to councils upon completion.

On-Line Faith Formation Courses:

- Starting this fall, Newman Theological College is offering online faith formation courses that offer a comprehensive selection of courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. These can be done online in the comfort of your home and around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and cost \$70.00. To register go to www.newman.edu.

In closing, I wish all of you a blessed year filled with faith, fun and fulfillment.

Blessings to all,

June F.

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