



Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL Council
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Dear Sisters in the League:

As we gather once more to begin another year of service in the League, let us take time to meditate on the CWL National theme, “We Have Seen the Lord”. During the past two years, I have definitely seen the Lord in all the people that I have encountered and especially in my dear sisters in the League, who truly amaze me with all the wonderful work that they carry out in their councils. At the National convention held in August in Fredericton, we were reminded that God is deep within and is present in each of us and that we are asked to go out and share God’s love with those around us. In the closing mass, the Most Reverend Bishop William McG., CWL National Spiritual Advisor, gave a wonderful homily as he spoke of Mary, who is the model of evangelization. He urged members “to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.”

Barb D., the new CWL National President, introduced her theme of “One Heart, One Voice, One Mission” that will commence January 1st, 2015. I am sure that many of you will have wonderful ideas of how to incorporate this theme into your spiritual programs for the upcoming two years.

During the past few months, we have been hearing the terrible news about the fighting that is happening in other parts of the world and Pope Francis is calling on Catholics everywhere to pray for peace and to accompany Christians in the Middle East. We are invited to join him through CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), which is Pope Francis’ special agency for the Middle East. Through CNEWA, we can help build up the Church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue and inspire hope. Please consider donating to this worthwhile organization.

In closing, I would like to share a prayer that I have found from `Together We Pray` calling for peace:

*God of Peace, your call is clear.
We are asked to reshape our broken world.
Bless us with your peace and mercy
So that through our words and actions
We may be a beacon of hope to others.
Give us the grace never to dishonour ourselves or others
with prejudice, apathy or hatred.
Let us stand firm against anything that is dehumanizing.
Guard us against indifference and complacency.
Fill our hearts with your love and your justice
So that our commitment to you
will stand out like a beacon of light in the darkest night.
Amen*

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