

**Timmins Diocesan Council**  
**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Spiritual Development Standing Committee**

**Care for Our Common Home**  
**Loneliness**

Directive #8

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Hello ladies.

I hope you and your families are safe and doing well during these challenging times.

Please note the following:

1. Pope Frances declared October as the month of prayer for Home Missions.

National Spiritual Development Chairperson, Shari Guinta, has reminded us that Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) is a permanent voluntary fund at national and needs prayer and assistance. I noted this in my Directive #5 where I listed 3 churches in Canada in great need of assistance. One that is close to home is the St. Francis Xavier parish in Attawapiskat. The church and rectory were condemned and need to be rebuilt.

The **CWL Day of Prayer for Home Missions in Canada is on October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Shari is encouraging councils to plan a special activity for this day. Here are her suggestions but you might have other ideas.

- A) Create a special prayer for the missions.
- B) Invite members to say the rosary at a specific time on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C) Contribute to a Home Mission, particularly CMIC.
- D) Participate in a project for Home Missions – collection of items that a mission may need in your area.

E) Publicize what you do in your parish and report the activity in your year-end survey/report.

2. **Online Spiritual Retreat/Spiritual Webinar with National Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Steven Jensen, September 16, 2020 from 1:00PM to 2:30 PM, EDT. Women in Mission: A Spiritual Retreat** is a one-and-a-half-hour retreat. Go to the national website, [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca), go to Quick Links and click on "Online Spiritual Retreat". Click on registration if you are interested and provide your name, email address and diocese. You will receive an email confirmation with the link required to join the webinar on September 16.

Participating in this mission will help us prepare for Home Mission Month in October.

3. Another **mission, "Take My Hand" led by Dr. Heather MacPhail**, is being offered by St. John the Apostle Council in Ottawa. This virtual retreat will be held on the weekend of September 26 and 27 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM each day. The cost is \$20. I will send more information in a separate email. It has a beautiful poster with additional details and how to register.

4. Ottawa is hosting the **2021 Provincial Convention**. We are asked to check out the fundraisers – Convention Sling Bag plus a notebook for \$20, Rosary Bracelets with CWL Charm for \$30. As well, pray for those making the preparations. Annette has already sent this information plus a Prayer for the 2021 Ontario Provincial Convention plus the Chairperson's Ottawa Welcome Letter. We are asked to pray for those making all the preparations.

Thank you for your attention to these items, responding to the requests and sharing the information with your members.

Blessings to all.

Stay safe.

Marie Black, Timmins Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairperson