

Timmins Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Spiritual Development Standing Committee
Care for our Common Home
Loneliness

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To: Parish Presidents for Parish Spiritual Development Chairpersons
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Anne Plaunt, Life Member Liaison, sub-committee member; Fr. John
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member

I cannot believe how quickly the months have flown by and that the season of Advent is almost here. Our liturgical season is coming to an end and on November 28th we will be starting a new liturgical year, Year C with the Gospel of Luke.

Below are some Advent events that you and your CWL members may be interested in. There are definitely lots of possibilities.

May God bless you as you prepare for Christmas during Advent.

Marie Black
Timmins Diocesan CWL Spiritual Development Chair

1. Timmins Diocesan CWL Mini Advent Retreat conducted by Fr. John Lemire, our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor.

December 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Please mark your calendar to join us in preparation for Advent and Christmas.

Follow the Zoom link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87157528068?pwd=RU5XQ2VDNUV4S0E5UXFOa2VaRlV0dz09>

Meeting ID: 871 5752 8068

Passcode:953328

2. We have received a Zoom invitation from the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council. The council will be hosting an afternoon of spiritual reflection on "Mary's Yes", Sunday, December 12, 2021. The Zoom Meeting link is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87435043672?pwd=Z0w5YnBSd0d0VlE0c2hwbjdxSzZpUT09>

According to Patricia Clizia, Spiritual Development Chair, SSM Diocesan Council, "We will contemplate and explore Mary's yes encounter that changed the world. Music, prayer and a presentation will guide our time together in fellowship – and with joy!
Our planned afternoon falls on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Perhaps you may wish to adorn in pink and set up a Mary display to inspire our time together.
Don't forget to invite a friend-all are welcome!"

3. Augustine Institute Bible Conference, "Waiting in Joyful Hope", November 20, 2021. Once you register, for FREE, there is more information. I listen to Dr.Gray on a daily basis and he is very down to earth and easy to listen to.

The Christmas Story is Living and True

The featured topics and speakers include:

Dr. Tim Gray - Guiding Star: The Role of Nature, Prophecy, and Reason in

Dr. Brant Pitre - The Birth of the Messiah: Mary and the Mystery of Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber - Christmas as "Christ's Mass": The Manger and the Eucharist

Registration Link

https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org/?utm_campaign=Advent+Bible+Conference+Launch+2&

4. National Communique

Emma Rayburn, Provincial Spiritual Development Chair, sent me the communique she received from National Spiritual Development Chair, Cathy Bouchard.

It contains some great retreat/resource options. The attachment is at the bottom of this email. It should be with this section. My apologies.

I will also send it in a separate email in case you can't open this one.

5. Augustine Institute - AMEN, The Free Catholic Prayer App

"AMEN provides beautiful prayers rooted in Tradition to calm restless hearts; Catholic meditations to deepen your relationship with Christ; and nourishing Scripture to feed hungry souls. We are here to help you grow in the peace of our Lord."

The following link will guide you to install and use the App on your phone.

<https://amenapp.org/signup>

6. **Subject:** Encouragement Retreat

Something else you might be interested in. Anne Plaunt received this from Bernadette Burgess, Provincial Life Member Liason, and sent it to me to share.

“Hello ladies, I encourage you to pass on to all the women in your life.
I am including the website where you can view the 3 talks recently given
at the Fall Women’s Retreat offered in the Kingston Diocese.
I also will attach the questions that you can contemplate after each talk.
The talks themselves are 20 minutes long.
Consider inviting 1-2 women to share your computer screen and
share their spiritual journey.”

Blessings,
Bernadette Burgess
Life Member Liaison
Kingston Diocese

www.fallwomensretreat.com

<Be Encouraged Small Group Questions.docx
I will send the questions in a separate email.

This is the National Communique which I will also send in a separate email.