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Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Greetings to all my CWL sisters and Fr. John.
Wasn't it wonderful this year that we were able to celebrate the Easter Triduum? I know there were some restrictions, but at least we were able to celebrate compared to last year.

- 1) One of our themes is Care for Our Common Home. April 22 is Earth Day so I am sure there are many resources online that you could access in order to emphasize this day.

In January, Anne Plaunt sent me one email of Pause+Pray from the Franciscan Media, goodnews@franciscanmedia.org, that relates to this theme. It is entitled, "*Honouring the Divine Breath of Creation*" (Reflect, Pray, Act). I will send it to you. It is short but very thoughtful.

Go to cwl.ca, click on Quick Links, then on Care for Our Common Home, Theme Power Point. You can simply read it. It is very good and contains the following: Prayer to Sustain, Creation, Human Creation, Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*, The Theme Message, Resources: Some Definitions, Resources: A Few Biblical References on which to Reflect.

- 2) April 26 is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. There will be an online mass to celebrate virtually with members across Canada. Go to

dailytvmass.com or access this mass on tv. It will be on from the Loretto Abbey Chapel in Toronto. Personally, we have Shaw and it is on channel 153. I watch it at 1:00 pm. It will also be on Vision TV at 8 am and at noon.

- 3) WUCWO Day, May 13 (World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations) A beautiful prayer service was drawn up by the Region of North America, "Let us eliminate discrimination and violence against women." You can find it on the website www.wucwo.org.
- 4) Perhaps you have already done this, but if not, I encourage you to check out the CWL National website (cwl.ca). At the top of the home page, click on To Inspire. It contains Powerful Stories from Our First 100 Years and personal stories on What's your CWL? It is well done and so interesting to listen to all the short stories. Enjoy.

*R. Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.
Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
R. Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope. Psalm 16*

Hopefully, I will see you at our next Zoom meeting on the 14th of this month. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Marie