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To: Parish Presidents for Spiritual Development Chairpersons

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Happy 2020 to everyone! It seems we celebrated the millenium not that long ago. As they say, time really does fly by.

1. I already have the **names of deceased members** in 2019 up to the end of August. I now need the same information for the period of **September to December 2019** (name of deceased and date of death). Please send me this information as soon as possible.

2. Your parish has already announced the **Diocesan Priority** for 2019-2020, "Personal Relationship with Christ Through the Sacraments". You have the cards for each month (Introduction, Word of God, Sharing, Prayer) that you are encouraged/asked to use at each meeting.

January – Return to the Sacraments

February – Sacrament of the Sick

March – Eucharist

April – Eucharist

May – Holy Orders

June – Matrimony

3. **January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** that is being celebrated around the world this week. You are encouraged to pray for unity and participate in the events and liturgies in your community. On the back page of the **Janury 12, 2020 issue of the Catholic Register** is the article, "Malta's Christians set welcoming tone".

'They showed us unusual kindness' is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This **theme and prayers were chosen by the Christians in Malta** and are related to the Bible passage Acts 27:18. It is an interesting article if you are able to get a copy to share with your council.

4. This past Sunday, registration forms were made available at church for the **Northern Ontario Catholic Youth Conference, unChained**. Perhaps it is being advertised throughout our diocese, but in case you haven't seen the information, I will share a little with you.

It will be held in North Bay on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 10 am to 8 pm and is for youth aged 13 to 19.

It will be a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and a powerful witness by Chris Bray, a popular Catholic Speaker. The registration fee is \$20 which includes lunch, dinner, snacks and materials needed for the day. Overnight accommodations are available for travellers.

The event is presented by the Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. If you need more information, you can check at church or I can email you the registration form.

I would think this is a worthwhile event and a great way to support our youth. We can be creative in how that support looks.

5. **The World Day of Prayer 2020** is on **Friday, March 6**. The service, written by Zimbabwe, is entitled "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk".

In Englehart, each church takes its turn to host the event. This year, Holy Trinity is the host. A meeting will be held in the near future with representatives from each church to make plans for the service. Material is provided which includes the actual service, song suggestions, food recipes, etc. It is always fun to learn about the country who wrote the service – what is important to them, their culture, etc. Hopefully members of each council and parish are able to support the World Day of Prayer in your community.

6. **Prayer partners** – Please remember to pray for your prayer partner.

7. PLEASE talk to your members to find out what presentations they would like to have at the **September Diocesan Retreat Day**. I sent you a list of suggestions in my first directive so you can start with these ideas or send me other ideas. Also if you know of someone to present, you can send me that info as well. Thank you.

Here is a cute joke Fr. Mitch shared in one of his homilies. Food for thought. "In a class on homiletics, that is on the art of preaching, the professor emphasized the importance of making the facial expression harmonize with a theme of the homily. "When you speak of heaven," he said, "Let your face light up with a heavenly gleam; let your eyes shine with glory. But when you speak of Hell – your ordinary face will do."

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you as you serve The League in 2020.

Blessings.
Marie Black

