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The Catholic Women's League
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To: Parish Communications Standing Committee Chairpersons, Parish Presidents

From: Marie Black, Timmins Diocesan Communications Chairperson

cc: Provincial Communications Chairperson, Marie-Theresa Lamphier
Timmins Diocesan President, Audrey Shelton, Timmins Diocesan Executive

Hello to all my CWL sisters in the diocese.

Well, summer has come and gone and autumn is here in all its glory – amazing colours and yes, even the chillier air. I hope you all had a chance to relax and enjoy our wonderful summer.

What follows is information I received in a directive from my provincial counterpart.

- 1. New National Communications Chairperson**, Doreen Gowan
Please check the national website, cwl.ca, to read a brief description of her background. You will also be able to read her first communique (directive). As well, she has written about League sponsored masses, the website, the pornography hurts cards and resolutions that she encourages us to act on.
- 2.** While on the **national website**, note how it has been **revamped**.
- 3.** Our new missions statement is:
The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness the love of God through ministry and and service.
- 4. 2019 Provincial Convention Fundraiser:** The Kingston Diocese is fundraising for the convention next July. Many items are being sold including ladies' soft shell jackets, sports shirts, USB's and lanyards, auto and trunk organizers and a "Ponderings" CD by Bernadette Burgess. You can check the Kingston diocese website for details and prices and/or the provincial website. As well, I will email you the information in an attachment and will bring a printout to our diocesan meeting. There are great ideas for birthdays and Christmas.
- 5. "Homelessness"** continues to be the theme for the second year of Anne Madden's provincial presidency. Thus, provincial has initiated the

“Warmth and Comfort” Project, to be held **Oct. 1 to Dec. 31** this year.

Parish councils are being asked to **collect socks** (men, women, children), **jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers** to donate to the area homeless shelters or other facilities that help the homeless.

The hope is to have all councils concentrate on this project in order to make a bigger impact across the province. We have plenty of time to promote the project and gather the articles so they can be delivered for the Christmas season.

We are being asked to:

- a) count the boxes of crackers, jars and socks and send me the info,
- b) take pictures of the collection of items and/or when the items are delivered.

Please send them to me with the name of your council, the name of the shelter/organization and if you like, a short write-up. I will send them to Marie-Theresa and she will put them on the website.

At the conclusion of the project, I will be filling out a spreadsheet in order to tabulate the numbers. This info will also be sent to Marie-Theresa and she will tabulate the cumulative total for Ontario. The results will be reported on Facebook and at the Provincial Convention in Kingston.

By highlighting the good work of the League, we hope other women will be encouraged to join our group.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or I can provide clarification at the upcoming diocesan meeting.

This project is also being promoted in conjunction with the Provincial Community Life Chairperson, Joanna Sisk and consequently our Diocesan Community Life Chairperson, Frances Freeman. Frances and I are currently in the process of finding out what our specific roles are in this project at the diocesan level ie. who you report to. We will let you know at the diocesan meeting. We both know the important thing is that we are all working toward the same end – helping the homeless.

6. As you know, our diocese is being featured in the **October Provincial Online Newsletter**. As soon as I receive an email from provincial, I will send it to you. I am excited to see our submissions.

Blessings to all. To the diocesan executive, I will see you on the 13th in Matheson.

Marie Black
Timmins Diocesan Communications Chairperson