



**Timmins Diocesan Council
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Spiritual Development Standing Committee**
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To: Parish Spiritual Development Standing Committee
Chairpersons
From: Annette Kelly, Timmins Diocesan Spiritual Development Standing
Committee Chairperson
cc: Parish Presidents, Diocesan Officers, and Provincial Spiritual
Development Standing Committee Chairperson Anna Tremblay
Sub-committee members: Paulette Piquette, Yvette Van
Lankveld

Anna Tremblay, Provincial Spiritual Development Standing Committee
Chairperson, sent the following in a directive:



Spiritual Bouquet for Ontario Provincial Spiritual Advisor:
Each year CWL members across the province are invited to
participate in a Spiritual Bouquet for our Ontario Provincial Spiritual
Advisor, a tradition we will continue this year. The Spiritual
Bouquet will be presented to Archbishop Brendan O'Brien at the
Ontario Provincial Convention in July in Toronto (hope you've already
registered to attend). This year Archbishop will celebrate 50 years as a
priest (ordained June 1, 1968). He has been an exceptional source of
inspiration and support to the Ontario Provincial Council and we hope your
members will be generous in their offerings for this Spiritual Bouquet.

Members may participate by offering: **Masses, Rosaries, Stations of the
Cross, Chaplets of Divine Mercy, and/or Other Devotions.**

Please invite your members to participate and have their prayer offerings to
me (Annette) no later than May 1st, 2018 so that I can
forward these to Anna.

2018 Ontario Provincial Convention Initiative: This
year at the 71st annual provincial convention in Toronto
(July 7 to 11, 2018), delegates are invited to bring items
which will be donated to an organization(s) that provide
services to the homeless. Stay tuned for a *Wish List* of items



Sub-committee member, Yvette Van Lankveld, shared the following about St. Gertrude the Great, born Jan. 6, 1256:

St. Gertrude is invoked often, for prayers for the poor souls in purgatory. She had a deep empathy for those souls in purgatory, and would ask God at each mass to have mercy on them. God would reply to St. Gertrude that He would use whatever was offered to Him for the faithful departed, according to His inclination to show pardon & mercy.

St. Gertrude was a German Benedictine, mystic and theologian. She had the gifts of miracles and prophecy. Jesus revealed to her His infinite love, and asked her to spread it, with love, for the suffering and for sinners. Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.

For more information about St. Gertrude the Great, check online; Wikipedia has some info and external links including - [*The Life and Revelations of Saint Gertrude the Great - the full text online.*](#)

May you live these Lenten days with Mary, in the joyful warm embrace of her Beloved Son—knowing that your love, gratitude and service to others are sufficient to gladden His heart.

Yours in service,

Annette

P.S. Parish Presidents, please share this with whoever is looking after Spiritual Development for your council.