



Timmins Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League  
*"Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"*

Directive #1

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To: Parish Spiritual Development Chairs and Parish Presidents  
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**Attachments:** Registration form for Spiritual Retreat Day  
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*"Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us on the road?"* Luke 24:32

**Greetings** to old and new Spiritual Development Chairpersons and to Parish Presidents. The summer months are almost over and parishes will soon be back in the swing of things. I hope that rest and relaxation have been part of your holiday experience.

I am newly elected to this position and I look forward to the challenge and the opportunities to grow in my own faith as I learn about this particular committee and share information with parish councils. I have been reading over the material from the Executive handbook to become more familiar with the responsibilities and encourage you to review these documents from time to time.

### **Duties**

The handbook outlines the duties as:

- Spiritual growth of members
- Study of Catholic teachings
- Role of women in the church
- Evangelization and mission assistance
- Lay ministries
- Ecumenism and interfaith endeavours

There are good suggestions in the handbook for carrying out these duties. Focus on 2 or 3 for this year; trying to do it all can be overwhelming. If you haven't done so, ask other members to be part of your committee to help you 1) with prayer services, 2) to take on one of the duties and report back to you – e.g. check the Vatican website for news about Catholic teachings or the role of women in the church, 3) to pray especially for you and your committee – one of your shut-in members perhaps, and/or 4) to be part of the parish liturgy team and report back to

you. These are just some ideas of how members can support you in this ministry and perhaps they will be open to taking on this role in the future.

### **Chairpersons**

I note that there are only 2 Spiritual Development Chairs listed in the 8 Parish Executive lists. I ask that Presidents delegate someone to bring prayers or programs to the meetings so that the spiritual aspect of this organization is fulfilled. That person could also be given copies of these directives to keep them up to date and to help them throughout the year.

### **Deceased Members**

Previously, councils were sending the names of their deceased members to Anne Plaunt in addition to sending this information to National office. From now on, please send the deceased members' names to me as the new Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair as well as to National. If you are not the one looking after this, please pass this information on to that person.

### **Theme**

We have been gifted with a wonderful national theme: *"Inspired by the Spirit, Women respond to God's Call"*. How does the Spirit of God inspire you? How can you help your members to be more aware of God's Holy Spirit and how to respond?

### **\*\*Spiritual Retreat Day\*\***

The Diocesan C.W.L. Council is hosting a Spiritual Retreat Day on **Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017** at **Holy Trinity Church in Englehart** from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** In the morning our speakers will be Deacon Stan and Jeannine Cor presenting *Life in the Spirit*, an introduction to the charismatic renewal. Anne Plaunt's talk, titled *"Taking your Spiritual Pulse - Prayer made easy"* will be in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided and the cost will be \$5 for the day. This Spiritual Day is for **all** members of the C.W.L. and you may also bring a friend who is a non-member (\$8). We ask you to encourage your members to fill up their cars and come out for this special day. The registration form is attached and can be mailed or e-mailed as indicated. A phone call (705-268-3958) will also confirm your attendance and you can pay at the door. Some councils might wish to collect the fees and forward them with the registration forms OR bring them to the hall on the day – just advise us beforehand of numbers so that we know how many to prepare for.

Throughout the year, I hope you will share with me any prayer services that are particularly meaningful to you and your members. I will be looking for ideas for the convention next May.

Thank you to Paulette who has agreed to be on my sub-committee. I am currently looking for another couple of members to join this sub-committee and will report them in the next directive.

God bless,

Annette

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and reignite in us the fire of your Love! Make us joyful witnesses to your hope in the Church!"