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Care for our Common Home
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To: Parish Presidents for Parish Spiritual Development Chairpersons

From: Marie Black, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairperson

Cc: Diocesan President, Annette Kelly; Diocesan Officers;
Provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson, Emma Rose Rayburn;
Life Member Liaison and sub-committee member, Anne Plaunt;
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Hello to everyone.

Welcome to the month of May, the Month of Mary.

I would like to pass on the following information that I just received from Emma Rose Rayburn, Provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson.

1. As you know, the CWL prays for the respect of life from conception to natural death. The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association has dedicated May 4-10, 2020 as National Hospice Palliative Care Week. The CWL has held the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care at the same time. Each year, councils have decided what they would do and when they would get together to pray on May 4th. However, due to circumstances, we were not able to do this.

Consequently, CWL members across the country are still being asked to participate and pray at home for Palliative Care during the week of May 4-10, 2020.

There are wonderful suggestions in a kit that National Office put together that you can access at www.cwl.ca/hospicepalliativecarekit. Some ideas include:

A) You can invite members to visit the site and choose for themselves what they would like to do and on which day or days, eg. A Physician's Way of the Cross, The Way of the Cross Today: Reflections on Suffering in Sickness and Dying

B) You can choose a prayer to send to everyone that can be recited on one or all the above days.

C) You can choose one day during this week and organize something for each hour for a total of twelve hours.

Provincial and National would like to know what councils did during this week, so I am asking you to let me know what you decided to do, then it will be reported. Thank you for your participation and prayers.

2. May 13 is **WUCWO** Day, the 110th Anniversary of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. You can find a **prayer service** at <https://wucwo.org/index.php/en/prayers/wucwo-annual-day-of-prayer> This service was created by the women of Latin America and the Caribbean. We are being encouraged to participate.

3. Since conventions have been cancelled, we are missing the tradition of honoring Mary at our conventions. During this month of May, Emma has asked that we send her **photos** of members honoring/crowning Mary at home. She will then compile them and share them with everyone. That way we will have a little piece of our convention with us to mark our CWL 100th Anniversary. You can email the picture/pictures to emmasab@aol.com In the subject line, please write, Crowning of Mary.

4. The **May 2020 Provincial Newsletter** features the London Diocese and the Provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson, Emma Rose Rayburn. You can go to cwl.on.ca may 2020 online newsletter.

5. During these difficult times, Emma would like to unite us in prayer as we put our trust in God. She is inviting us to start the week with a **rosary at 9:00 am Monday morning and end the week with Divine Mercy at 9:00 am Friday morning.**

Anne Plaunt has sent me a site about the rosary which provides food for thought. Members might be interested in reading the beginning part. At the end there is a book you can buy but this is not a sales pitch for the book. I will attach this directive to her email.

Finally, Emma's directives usually include pictures with inspirational words. I will not include the pictures from this last directive from her, but I am sharing the message related to palliative care.

"We cannot change the outcome, but we can affect the journey."

Anne Richardson

As we are joined in prayer, let us trust the Lord in the days ahead. Enjoy spring and God's creation - the warmth of the sunshine, the cleansing of the rain, the greening of the grass and trees, the popping up of perennials in the flowerbeds... Notice I didn't mention snow that is in the forecast? We can be happy that it will melt quickly! Anyway, we have much for which we can be thankful.

I pray for all of you. Stay safe. Stay healthy. God bless.

Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us and protect us.

Your CWL sister,

Marie