

What are some practical things members can do?

- Pray. Pray. Pray – for the organizing committee, the volunteers, the people who will be attending, the success of the congress, conversion for ourselves and all those who will be touched by the passage of the ark, preparation for and/or participation in the congress and/or coverage of the event.
- Learn more about the Eucharist.
- Promote awareness of the congress.
- Promote and help with the visit of the ark to your area.
- Volunteer to help on any committee.
- Make plans to attend. Registration should have started in January 2007. If unable to attend, support those who can.
- Donate to the two collections which will take place across Canada on the Feast of Corpus Christi (Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) on June 10, 2007 and May 25, 2008.
- Support the temporary national voluntary fund set up for the congress at the 86th annual national convention in Halifax in August 2006.



The itinerary for the Ark of the New Covenant is as follows:

- January 15 to April 25, 2007 – Ontario
- April 27 to August 31, 2007 – Western Canada
- September to December 2007 – Atlantic Canada
- January to March 2008 – Northern Canada

Some of the itinerary is in more detail on the website, but many details have yet to be posted.

What will you do to prepare for the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in your diocese, parish, council and home? †

COMMUNICATING OVER TIME



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The *Canadian League* has been published for 85 years! Over those many years, the magazine has seen many changes, including its overall size and number of issues per year. During its long history, *The Canadian League* has continued to keep members informed and has provided a powerful communications tool. We thank the women of vision who saw the worth of such a magazine and all who continue to contribute articles. We strive to provide the best possible product!

I'd like to draw a parallel between communication and our new theme, *Love One Another*. You can't *Love One Another* if you don't communicate! Communication can take many forms; it can be a touch, hug, telephone call, smile, word of affirmation, helping hand to someone in need, or a batch of cookies for a neighbour. Pope Benedict XVI, in his first encyclical *Deus*

Caritas Est (God is Love), states that love of neighbour then becomes "...in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God.... I... look on... this other person... from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend.... I can give [others] the look of love which they crave." That's communication!

I challenge each of you to make a concerted effort to communicate with others in your council and parish. Phone someone periodically, League member or not. Try calling someone you normally wouldn't, someone who wouldn't expect your call but perhaps is lonely and would welcome a friendly, "How are you?" You might offer someone a ride to mass or to the next meeting. You are thus communicating as well as acting on the theme to *Love One Another*! †