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# MEMO

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To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Spiritual Development  
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Presidents and Life Members (on request)  
From: Anne Gorman, National First Vice-President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development  
Date: April 22, 2016

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Happy Easter, my dear Sisters in the League! May the risen Christ set your hearts aflame with pure joy.

In conjunction with National Hospice Palliative Care week, the League is engaging on an all out storming of Heaven with prayer from its more than 83,000 members. Just imagine. You will be the instrument that makes a difference in supporting all citizens who have the right to quality end-of-life care. All prayers will help move parliamentarians and provincial legislators to do the right thing. I am very confident. God bless all of you as you engage in this beautiful demonstration of faith in action.

Secondly, in the *Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis According to Which an Indulgence is Granted to the Faithful on the Occasion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, the Holy Father wished this year to be “a living experience of closeness of the Father...so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened.”

The holy door pilgrimage that accompanies the jubilee makes an indulgence available. To experience and obtain the indulgence, a brief pilgrimage is made to the holy door “as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion.... It is important that [the pilgrimage] be linked to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.” The Holy Father states, “It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for me and for the intentions that I bear in my heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world.”

Pope Francis is concerned about those who may not be physically able to make the pilgrimage due to illness, age or incarceration. The sick or shut-in may receive the jubilee indulgence as they “live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord... receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer.” Incarcerated persons who realize the injustice of their actions may obtain the indulgence in the chapels of the prisons. As well, the indulgence may be obtained for the deceased by remembering them in the Eucharistic celebration and praying for them that “the merciful Face of the Father free them of every remnant of fault and strongly embrace them in the unending beatitude.”

All of us are sinners who need mercy. The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy includes everyone. May we have mercy shown to us as we perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy for others.

God bless you in your prayers and actions.

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# M E M O

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To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Communications  
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Presidents and Life Members (on request)  
From: Fran Lucas, National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Communications  
Date: April 22, 2016

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Woman on a Mission, a documentary created by Salt + Light Catholic Media Foundation after the 95<sup>th</sup> annual national convention in Vancouver, was aired many times in December and January. I hope you have seen it at least once and that you have had the opportunity to view it at a council meeting. If not, please do so at your earliest convenience. This is a resource that will be great for educating members and attracting new members. Please take advantage of this by going to [saltandlighttv.org/womanonamission](http://saltandlighttv.org/womanonamission). To entice members to attend the national convention in Halifax this August, there is a recap video of the last convention available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8\\_RaVjNDho&feature=youtube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8_RaVjNDho&feature=youtube).

The CWL Members' Forum, a chat room for members, had been on the national website since December 2014, but has recently been taken down. Due to a lack of participation it was no longer cost effective to manage the site, and it was evident by the low participation that it was not the most user-friendly. Perhaps in the future an application will be found that will serve members better. This exercise was a great learning experience and will provide insight for future attempts.

**Be League** is your resource to share council news with members across Canada and all visitors to the national website. It focuses on the creative and meaningful activities you make happen in your council on a regular basis. Only through your submissions are we able to continue this form of communication. A high resolution photograph of your event and a brief description of the activity attached to an e-mail and sent to [communications@cwl.ca](mailto:communications@cwl.ca) is as easy as it gets. Brag about your council by sending in your submission today!

The **national website** is a buffet of information. Do yourself a favour and spend an hour on it today or tomorrow. If you have never been, or very rarely have been on it, you are missing out on an integral way to stay informed and the opportunity to have current information at your fingertips—that alone will have you back visiting many times!

The Pornography Hurts campaign has been in full swing since the federal government was elected. Please send in your cards and letters on the designated month to any or all levels of government. Personal visits or calls to local government representatives have an even greater impact. National sub-committee chairperson Rosanne Sogan, who concentrates on the issue of pornography, has completed research on a recent news item, and I share it with you below.

**Stopping Pornography Viewing in Hotels:** Recently, the InterContinental Hotels (ICH) Group, the world's largest hotel company, announced it has made plans to eliminate pornography from being offered at its more than 5,000 properties around the world, following in the steps of both Hilton Worldwide and

Hyatt Hotels. The ICH Group realizes that pornography is an exploitive means of profit linked to prostitution, sex trafficking and sexual violence. Hotels that do not comply with the ICH Group directives will be heavily fined.

Thank you for all of your hard work and continued dedication to the League! If at any time you require help, please feel free to reach out to your diocesan chairperson of communications who will get help from the provincial chairperson, if required. And yes, I am here and happy to help the provincial women or any of you.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and "L".

Fran Lucas  
National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Communications