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# MEMO

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To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Spiritual Development  
From: Anne Gorman, National First Vice President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development  
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Presidents and Life Members (on request)  
Date: April 26, 2015

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If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all (Rom. 12:18).

I extend greetings to my League sisters across Canada. As I prepare this memo you are still in the season of Lent, but when you receive it you will be well into the celebration of the greatest season of all, Easter.

### **Year of Consecrated Life**

As we are well into the Year of Consecrated Life, I encourage you to pray for priests and women religious who dedicate their lives to God and the church. Also, continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. On a tangible level, you are invited to show your love and appreciation to these dedicated women and men by inviting them into your homes, celebrating them individually and communally. I know these women and men go about their daily work without fanfare. Let us make a concerted effort to do something (and/or some things) for them outside the routine.

### **Newly Minted Prayer Corner**

Following requests for a place on the national website to access prayers more quickly, there is now a "Prayer Corner." On it is the theme prayer for 2015-2016, *One Voice, One Heart, One Mission*, written by Fr. Craig Scott, pastor at National President Barbara Dowding's parish. The prayer appears on the prayer partner insert card that each member received inside her winter issue of *The Canadian League*. Please feel free to submit by e-mail to [communications@cwl.ca](mailto:communications@cwl.ca) your own prayers that may be inspirational to others. National Second Vice President and Chairperson of Communications Fran Lucas and national office will review and publish the prayers to the site.

### **Book of Life**

When a deceased member is reported in the online membership system (by parish council chairpersons of spiritual development or their designates), the database generates an e-mail that is sent to diocesan and provincial chairpersons of spiritual development.

By way of review, a quarterly report (April, July, October and January) is sent from national office to provincial chairpersons of spiritual development and is copied to provincial presidents. The Book of Life is published annually in time for the spring parish council mailing (a copy is included in this package). Please review the book in case a member's death has inadvertently been omitted, and notify your diocesan chairperson of spiritual development so the name(s) can be included in the service for deceased members at annual diocesan conventions. (It is understood that if a name has been omitted, the parish council will contact national office with the information as soon as possible.)

Please note that all members reported deceased, whether paid or not, are included in the *Book of Life*.

### **Prayer Life**

I trust you all are continuing with the Rosary for Peace (and that this will be reflected in your annual reports). Also, please continue to pray for families. The World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia September 22-25, 2015, where attendees are “called together from all over the world in faithful celebration of the family—the sanctuary of love and life.” We should consider praying a novena for families, specifically for the success of the Meeting. For more information please visit [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org).

### **Catholic Missions In Canada**

Please keep Catholic Missions In Canada in your prayers. Donations to this exceptionally helpful and faith-filled organization are lower than previous, while costs continue to rise. Please consider making donations, doing a special fundraising event at a meeting, or making a parish appeal.

### **Not Too Early**

Pope Francis has declared a Holy Year of Mercy beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2015, and continuing until November 20, 2016. It is not too early to begin your prayer reflections on mercy from the myriad of resources available on the national website, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)) and Vatican ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)) websites, and in the parishes. Pope Francis said, “Let us not forget that God forgives everything and God always forgives . . . . Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness.” There will be more information on the holy year of mercy available in the fall parish council mailing.

### **Important Date**

May 13: World Union of Catholic Women’s Organizations Day of Prayer  
(service may be accessed at [www.wucwo.org](http://www.wucwo.org))

God bless you as you attend your annual diocesan and provincial conventions. Much fruit comes from these opportunities to be together in *One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne - M Gorman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Anne Gorman  
National First Vice President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development