

Telephone: (204) 927-2310
Toll Free: 1 (888) 656-4040



Fax: (204) 927-2321
Toll Free: 1 (888) 831-9507

The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of CANADA

C-702 Scotland Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3M 1X5

Website: www.cwl.ca E-mail: info@cwl.ca

MEMO

To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Christian Family Life
CC: Parish Presidents, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Presidents and Life Members (on request)
From: Judy Lewis, National Chairperson of Christian Family Life
Date: April 26, 2015

Pope Francis has declared November 30, 2014 (First Sunday of Advent) to February 2, 2016 (World Day for Consecrated Life) as the Year of Consecrated Life. Let us be catalysts in our parishes by celebrating this special year. This is a year for each of us to encourage celebrating, praying and walking with the women and men who have taken the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Your council is encouraged to brainstorm ways to honour consecrated women and men in your parishes/dioceses. A few suggestions to start your brainstorming are:

- Pray for consecrated persons.
- Offer the gift of a League membership for one year to consecrated women.
- Provide a gift of *The Canadian League* magazine to consecrated men.
- Request a consecrated person to be a guest speaker at a meeting to share his/her journey of consecrated life.
- Invite a consecrated person to share what consecrated life means to him/her with the youth in your parish.
- Invite a consecrated person to dinner.
- Talk to consecrated persons in your area about what members can do to help them in their ministry.
- Hold a special celebration for consecrated women and men in your parish to honour them and thank them for the example they are.
- Invite consecrated persons to share what the new theme means in their commitment to consecrated life.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us and guide each of us as we work "For God and Canada" with *One Heart, One Voice and One Mission*.

Judy Lewis
National Chairperson of Christian Family Life