



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

**DATE:** April 18, 2017

**FROM:** Shari Guinta, National chairperson of communications

**TO:** Parish chairpersons of communications

**CC:** Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents, life members (on request)

"Women have a special role in opening doors to the Lord, in following him and communicating his face because the eyes of faith always need the simple but profound look of love." Taken from - *A Year With Pope Francis, daily reflections from his writings.*

It is with particular enthusiasm that I offer this correspondence to parish presidents and chairpersons of communication. This committee has much to offer.

I hope that all members are receiving and reading *The Canadian League* magazine. We have received positive comments about the magazine of late and it seems to keep improving. The articles have been varied and very well written.

I invited Anne Jamieson, from the pastoral offices of the Diocese of Hamilton to submit an article on the harmful effects of pornography for the spring issue and my sub-committee member, Theresa Winchester will submit an article in the fall issue concerning the media. This is a broad issue that covers several topics and I hope that communication chairpersons investigate different publications.

I have mentioned in my communiqués that the issue of pornography should be of concern to all members and invite councils to participate in the Pornography Hurts Campaign by downloading the postcard from the national website to send to local, provincial and federal politicians. You might focus on the opposition when sending cards this year. Any member can download and make use of the postcard and I also encourage you to write letters. Inform members of the harmful effects of pornography. Check out Fight the New Drug ([fightthenewdrug.org](http://fightthenewdrug.org)), an organization out of the United States that informs the public about this issue. You can obtain the documentary *Over 18* and show it to your parish or diocesan council and have a discussion about it. I have included a poster from the organization for your convenience. The documentary "sheds light on how kids and youth are being affected by today's porn industry."

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You may not know it, but young people, particularly boys, are viewing pornography as young as eight years of age! The images have harmful effects on these young males and distort their sexuality and contribute to violence against women. The porn industry also supports human trafficking, particularly with women and children.

The national convention is being held in Charlottetown this year! It is sure to be a wonderful experience. We have arranged for live streaming again and I invite you to get members together and have a mini convention viewing! Imagine sitting in your parish hall or meeting room, or even someone's living room and watching and listening to speakers/presenters and national executive members as they speak! Yes, get a convention party going, August 6–9, 2017. Just get a computer and visit [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca). There will also be a daily report from guest journalist Cecile Miller, life member from Nova Scotia. Salt + Light TV will also be in attendance taking footage of the convention for your viewing pleasure. There will be follow up reporting and footage on its website [saltandlighttv.org](http://saltandlighttv.org) and on the League's as well.

This year on May 4, 2017 a mass has been sponsored by the League on Vision TV for "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care". The mass will be recorded on April 26, 2017 at Loretta Abbey in Toronto at 5:00 p.m. Everyone who is in the area and can attend is invited to come to the abbey and be part of the congregation. In addition there will be a mass broadcast on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. We hope that many members will watch both of these masses to show support for the League, Our Lady of Good Counsel and palliative care. The address of the Loretto Abbey Chapel is 101 Mason Blvd., Toronto, ON M5M 3E2. You can visit the website at [dailytvmass.com](http://dailytvmass.com) and the mass can be viewed at [youtube.com/dailymass](http://youtube.com/dailymass).

Our Lady of Good Counsel.....pray for us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shari Guinta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "G".

Shari Guinta