

THE CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE
NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
HERE I AM, LORD, SEND ME - FAITH

MEMO

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Rolande Chernichan, National Chairperson of Faith

From: Mary Myers, Faith Chair, Nova Scotia Provincial CWL

Subject: Information for January, February, and March 2025 from Rolande Chernichan,
National Chairperson of Faith (Communique #12)

Attached: Novena for Members Lent Webinar Poster

Date: February 3, 2025

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO BE SENT TO ALL FAITH CHAIRPERSONS AT THE PARISH LEVEL

In her Faith Communique No. 12, Rolande Chernichan highlighted some events which parish, diocesan, and provincial councils can participate in. This memo is to inform and encourage members and councils to join in these events as much as is possible.

1. **Great Symphony of Prayer webinar series:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), in charge of organizing the 2025 Jubilee for Canada, launched a series of eight free-access webinars on the theme of prayer, entitled “A Great Symphony of Prayer” led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. The April 2024 series “The Our Father as a Programme of Life” is available on the CCCB Jubilee webpage (<https://cccb.ca/ourfather>) The October 2024 “Mary, the Saints and Scripture” series is also available using the same cccb.ca link (A Great Symphony of Prayer: Mary, the Saints and Scripture - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops). Chairpersons are encouraged to share this information with members.
2. **Pope Francis’ Encyclical ‘*Delexit Nos*’ (He Loved Us):** Released October 24, 2024, the Holy Father speaks about the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus. It is Pope Francis’s fourth encyclical, coinciding with the 350th anniversary of the first apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Members are urged to prayerfully read the encyclical.
3. **World Day of Prayer (March 7, 2025):** Councils and members are invited to join in prayer and action by sharing in this global ecumenical movement led by Christian women. The day’s theme, *I Made You Wonderful*, written by women of Cook Island, is based on Psalm 139:1-18. The theme reinforces that women and girls are “fearfully and wonderfully made” in the image of God.

4. **Lenten Webinar: “Hope in the Midst of Turmoil” (April 6, 2025):** Mark your calendar and join sisters across Canada! Register here! (register.gotowebinar.com)
5. **Spiritual Advisors’ webinar:** Chairpersons of faith at all levels are encouraged to continue building relationships with their council’s spiritual advisor and to engage them in planning spiritual programs. Both are urged to view the webinar for spiritual advisors by National Spiritual Advisor Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.
6. **Novena for Members.** The national executive/board is happy to deliver on members’ request for a ‘Novena for Members’. The start of a New Year and Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope are added incentives for members to pray in hope for the envisioned future of the League.” The novena prayers are attached to this memo. Members can pray this novena individually or as a council at successive meetings of members.

Rolande concludes Communique #12 with the following:

“As we ...begin a New Year and Jubilee 2025 as *Pilgrims of Hope*, I echo the prayer of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 15:13, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

God bless

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