



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



TO : Base Council Presidents, Base Council Communication Chairperson,
Military Ordinariate Administrative Committee

FROM : CWL Military Ordinariate Communication Chairperson

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SUBJECT : 2017 Theme/Maryline Deadline/End of 'Be League', Beginning of 'On The Spot!'/Fight on Pornography

Dear sisters,

I hope that everyone had a delightful Christmas Holiday and that New Year was the beginning of a great and blessed year to come. Upon the completion of our year end reports, I'm confident that everyone used the new reporting system. This new online method gives National a more concise way of reporting as to show areas where we are excelling and areas where we have more work to do. Shari Guinta and her committee did a very impressive job, to which we all thank them, for getting this rolled out in time for the 2016 year end reporting. Great job, National Team.

2017 is a new year and with that brings a new Theme. The National Theme will be: **Inspired by the Spirit: Women Respond to God's Call.**
<http://cwl.ca/new-theme-inspired-by-the-spirit-women-respond-to-gods-call/>

As always a reminder to everyone, that the deadline for getting articles in for the Spring edition of Maryline is March 15th. We are looking for submissions for the following: Council activities, Council celebrations and anniversaries, stories, recipes, prayers, jokes and any other themed submissions. Let's try and get something from every council. This is our newsletter, let's make it great. Please note that it must be submitted in Word format only.

I want to also mention that there are new updated welcome brochures, and membership posters to order: <http://cwl.ca/promotional-materials/> and also that there are new updated forms; price list and Treasurer annual report in both fillable and printable formats. <http://cwl.ca/updated-forms/>
Nancy Simms, Life Member and National Chairperson of Legislation, has initiated an online petition to amend the Canada Health Act to include home care as an insured health service. The National Executive asks all members to **sign the petition here**. I personally feel like this is something that has been lacking in our healthcare and have already signed. Please note the deadline below.
The e-673 petition is open for signature until March 28, 2017, at 3:18 p.m. (EDT)

December marked the last month of the Be League magazine, however January marks the beginning of On the Spot! on the CWL website. This news outlet will feature council work and activities, not personal items. Now articles and pictures can be posted in a more timely manner. This will help keep the League up to date and moving ahead into the future of this electronic age. Shari Guinta, National Communications Chairperson, encourages provincial, diocesan and parish councils to send in news about the good work councils are doing across the country and as the articles come in they will be posted immediately on the website under <http://cwl.ca/category/on-the-spot/>

In closing I want to mention the Pornography Hurts Campaign, started in 2013 and still alive and well, as it unfortunately is still a prominent issue of today. There have been many media reports of human sex trafficking and child molestation linked to pornography. In the Nov 20, 2016 issue of The Catholic Register, Deborah Gyapong reported that a private member's motion has been introduced for government study into the public of pornographic material that is readily available. "Conservative MP Arnold Viersen's motion calls on the Standing Committee on Health to 'examine the public health effects of the ease of access and viewing online of violent and degrading sexually explicit material on children, women and men' and report to the House of Commons by July 2017." We are all encouraged to monitor this motion. It is now reported that children as young as eight years old are viewing pornography on a regular basis.

- **Pornography is proven to be addictive.**
- **Pornography affects the growing, maturing brains of young people and can form attitudes of sexual violence and disregard for women.**
- **It promotes further degrading images and attitudes toward sexual deviation.**
- **It degrades the respect within relationships i.e. marriage.**
- **Pornography is a multi-billion dollar industry.**

An organization out of the United States, called **Fight the New Drug** informs about the addictive nature of pornography. I urge you all to read this:

<http://fightthenewdrug.org/breaking-news-canada-motions-to-examine-pornographys-effects-on-public-health/>

National would like to see all councils participate in some way, to get information out to members about the harmful effects of pornography and to contact members of parliament demanding new and much stiffer controls especially regarding the Internet. Download the **Pornography Hurts postcard** from the national website and use it. In addition, Shari Guinta wants to remind councils that other forms of awareness are available including billboards and bus ads. This has been an ongoing project for the diocese of Hamilton, Ontario for several years. Watch for more information over the next several months as this issue will be a focus of the committee. Get this information out to your councils, we need our voices on this campaign. <http://cwl.ca/instructions-for-printing-pornography-hurts-postcard/> <http://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Pornography-Hurts-Everyone-Postcard.pdf>

In closing, I would ask everyone to pray. Let us keep those countless thousands who continue to suffer daily in our hearts and prayers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or comments regarding this committee.

From His Holiness Pope Francis - Jan 4, 2017: "In the depths of despair, when no words or gestures will help, then cry with those who suffer, because tears are the seeds of hope."

Yours in Christ,

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