

The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council Spiritual Development Chair Communique # 8 April 12, 2021



Ladies, as we approach the great feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, I share the following resources with you for you to use either in your personal prayer, or for use with your parish council members.

The Living with Christ edition for April of this year states:

This title honouring Mary appears early in Christian history. In return for financial assistance in renovating the church of saint Mary Major in Rome, Pope Sixtus III (432 – 440) granted land to the people of Genazzano, Italy. Eventually a church consecrated to Out Lady of Good Counsel was built there and entrusted to the care of the Augustinian Order.

Mysteriously, an Albanian icon, Our Lady of Shkodra (Good Counsel), arrived at this church in April 1467. The image depicts Mary and the Christ Child. Numerous healings and miracles have been attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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The scripture reading for the mass on April 26th are: Lectionary Readings for the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (Weekday Lectionary Year A pg. 661 - 663) First Reading: Isaiah 9. 2a - 4, 6 - 7

Responsorial Psalm # 104

Gospel Reading: John 2, 1 – 11

I'm also attaching a link to a lovely prayer service for this feast from our National website for you to consider using. <u>Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Service</u> This prayer could be used individually, with a friend or when your ladies gather.

I hope you can keep the date of May 1st between 1:00 a.m. and noon for a workshop we are planning to kick off *Palliative Care Week* in Canada. As you know we continue to work on behalf of ensuring every Canadian has access to proper end of life care exclusive of MAID. You will need to pre-register for the webinar so keep your eyes open for communications coming out very soon. I look forward to having you join us.

Easter blessings to each of you and your families, Sr. Susan Scott