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Edmonton Diocesan Council

To: Parish Council Presidents
Diocesan Officers
Life Members

From: Margaret Korte, Diocesan Chairperson of Christian Family Life

Subject: Fall Christian Family Life Communiqué

Dear Sisters in the League,

As we are in the midst of the beautiful season of fall, I am very pleased as a new Diocesan Officer to be putting together this communiqué relating to Christian Family Life Standing Committee.

Let us rejoice as the Church celebrates the significant holy days during the fall season; the feast of the Archangels, Our Lady of the Rosary, All Saints, All Souls, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Christ the King and also Advent where we prepare ourselves for the fulfilment of God's plan.

Ministry to Youth

World Youth Day 2023: This event, which is a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope will be held in Lisbon, Portugal August 1-6, 2023. It is not too early to give some thought to how your council could be involved. Are there any youth attending from your parish? How could your council support them? Plan a fundraiser to help support them with their travel expenses. Your members could become a prayer partner with a youth attending. Let them know you are thinking of them on their journey with a handmade "Thinking of You" card that can be opened on their trip. In a third message for World Youth Day 2023, Pope Francis said that "He urges young people to follow in the footsteps of Our Lady, going in haste to others and dedicating our lives to Jesus".

Two-Fold Challenge to Diocesan CWL Councils: At the Fall Meeting on September 17th, I put out a challenge to our councils to inquire of your Parish Priest/Spiritual Advisor if a member of your council could accompany him on one of his visits to a school that is in their family of schools. This is two-fold in that it is a great way to build a relationship with your Parish Priest and it also is a way to have the CWL visible in our schools. The students could learn about the CWL and the good works they do in the parish and community. I encourage all the councils to reach out to their parish priest and/or the schools.

Vocations

Adopt-A-Seminarian Program Update: This September, 10 new seminarians started formation at St. Joseph's Seminary. There are currently a total of 34 seminarians from 9 different Dioceses in residence at the Seminary. Out of the 63 councils within the Edmonton Diocesan, 40 councils are participating in the Adopt-A-Seminarian Program to date. All 34 seminarians have been adopted by at least one council and several have been adopted by one or more councils. You are welcome to contact me by email at edmontoncwl.cfl@gmail.com if your council is interested in participating in the program.

St. Charles Borromeo Feast Day - November 4th: St. Charles Borromeo is the patron saint of bishops, catechists and seminarians. Remember to pray for your adopted seminarian on this day and/or offer a Mass for the intention of your seminarian on this day.

May the consistency of Our Lady of Good Council's love & blessings be with all of us,

Margaret Korte

Edmonton Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair