



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson's Report Fall Meeting (September 30, 2017)

Madame President,

Initially I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for appointing me to the position of Vice President, Spiritual Development Chairperson. It has been a great learning experience so far and I look forward to working with my fellow officers and with all the ladies of the Edmonton Diocesan CWL. I am sure this experience will be a wonderful way to practically apply my studies at Newman Theological College.

I was thankful to attend my first Provincial Convention in June. Nothing compares to sitting in a room full of women filled with the Joy of our Lord.

I have taken the opportunity this summer to learn more about my role and have appreciated the help I have received from our veteran members.

In July, I was honored to visit the Carmelite Monastery just west of Devon with President Cheryl. They ask for continued prayers for their mission as well as offering to pray for our intentions. Public mass is offered at the Carmel weekdays at 7:30 am and weekends at 9:00 am. It would be a prayerful experience for any who attend.

I am honoured once again to be working closely with Father Jan. The diocesan CWL will be enriched by his faithfulness and understanding of the faith. He has already impressed upon us how valuable women are in the Church.

During my term, I will be drawing inspiration from Pope Francis' post synodal apostolic exhortation on the family *Amoris Laetitia* and I will be encouraging all to intentionally live their daily lives as a reflection of their personal relationship with Jesus.

This concludes my report, are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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