



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Prince Edward Island Provincial Council



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Provincial Chairperson of Faith Communiqué #2
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TO: Parish Council Chairpersons of Faith
CC: Provincial Executive; National Chairperson of Faith, Rolande Chernichan;
National President, Shari Guinta
FROM: Crissy Czank, Provincial Chairperson of Faith

Happy Fall everyone! I hope you and your council members are doing well and getting ready to enter the Advent season in a couple of weeks.

National Updates (excerpts taken from Rolande Churnichan's Faith Communiqué #4 cwl.ca):

- Pope Francis appointed more than 450 participants, including dozens of religious men and women and laypeople worldwide, to attend the first general assembly of the **Synod on Synodality** October 4-29, 2023. More than 50 women participated as voting members of the synod. Currently, delegates are in the final days of discussions and discernments, with a letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the people of God expected to be released on October 28th. "(Rolande Chernichan) More information can be found on the Vatican News Website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>
- Pope Francis has invited the faithful to begin to prepare for **Jubilee 2025** by taking time to study and reflect on the four constitutions of Vatican II and the meaning of these documents for the life of the church today. Starting November 7th, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is providing an opportunity to participate in a series of webinars on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II. All members interested are reminded to encourage members to register for the webinar series as soon as possible. https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/4016975571911/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiiIwdLPzWMdQ#/registration
- Council's **November meeting** is an occasion to participate in one of the spiritual works of mercy by praying for the living and the dead. We remember not only deceased loved ones, members, and spiritual advisors whose names are entered in the Book of Life, but also, those who fought and died in wars and conflicts.
- A council's **December meeting** or Advent gathering is an occasion to honour Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble native peasant, Juan Diego, in Mexico in 1531 and whose feast is celebrated December 12 th. Every year



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since 2002, the church in Canada marks the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples on December 12 th . In solidarity with Indigenous peoples, chairpersons of faith at all levels are encouraged to include in the spiritual program of their December

general meeting or special Advent gathering, A Prayer to St. Juan Diego.

https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/Booklet-of-Prayers-2_4.pdf

Other Reminders:

If you are looking for some great **reflections on the Sunday Liturgies** (readings plus Gospel or Gospel alone) either for yourself or for an Advent faith sharing group the following resource may be useful for you. <https://rcdos.ca/our-faith/growing-in-your-catholic-faith/faith-resources/> Just a reminder that The **Martha Spirituality Center** in Charlottetown offers spiritual sessions both in person and online. Information on their wonderful programs can be found here.

<https://pei-marthas.ca/spirituality-centre-2/>. Maybe some of your members would like to plan to attend a session or sessions together.

Please remember to share your spiritual activities on the new **PEI CWL Facebook page** for all to see and perhaps attend if possible. It is great to see what other councils are doing. If you are not connected to the page please let one of the Provincial Officers know and we can get you connected.

Blessings to all members!

Crissy Czank

Provincial Chairperson of Faith