



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



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TO: Parish Council Presidents
CC: PEI Provincial Executive; National President, Shari Guinta
FROM: Karen Rossiter, Provincial President

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”
St. Francis of Assisi

As fall settles in with leaves on full display and crisp mornings, we are reminded, once again, of the beauty and wonder God can create. Although there is much hardship, conflict, and unsettlement everywhere, we do have much to be thankful for. We continue to pray that things will improve for all, here at home and throughout the world.

Pope Francis's Synod on Synodality took place in Rome, Italy in October. His Holiness has asked the Catholic Church to chart a course for our future in this modern era with emphasis on listening, discernment, and mission. I ask that we pray that this assembly was a success for the Catholic Church, our country, and our parishes that we can listen to the Holy Spirit and open our hearts to the mission given us by Him.

With the recent escalation of violence in the Holy Land we are reminded that He calls us to always be united by the bond of charity. Most Reverend William T. Grattan, CCCB President invites all Catholic Faithful in Canada and around the world to pray to God to ask him to move the hearts of the leaders of the conflicts to stop their actions of war, terrorism, and violence. He asks that “As Christians we are compelled by the teachings and example of Jesus to pray for peace throughout the world. In a fraternal spirit of solidarity with Christian, Jewish, and Muslim brothers, and sisters, let us join in recalling God's desire for peace in the land that Jesus Christ called home.”

The Provincial Council is beginning part 2 of the National Unity Outreach Project. Our council members will be contacting each Parish Council President, if they haven't done so already, to step up the second visit. This visit is a follow up from the first visit. Our National President would like this completed by December 31. We look forward to visiting your council again.



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Now, more than ever, it seems that the world needs prayer and works of charity both near and far. I know many members are wondering how they continue their work under the new pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice. Just look around within your parishes. The charity work that is being carried out every day within PEI parish councils is amazing! Each council anniversary I attend you continue to impress and amaze me at how much you have accomplished and are accomplishing. Continue with these great acts of charity that exemplify those three pillars. We will expand on these and together we will move mountains, one pebble at a time.

My provincial parish outreach visits will continue with CWL Sundays and meet and greets. My goal is to visit each of the 28 councils over my two-year term and get to meet with parishioners and potential new members. I look forward to visiting with each of you and will be in touch to set up a date for my visit and discuss how best to educate your parishioners about the CWL.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at cwlpei.president@gmail.com or at 902 626 5362.

God Bless,

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