



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Doreen Gowans, national chairperson of Christian family life

TO: Parish council chairpersons of Christian family life

CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents, life members (on request)

Welcome to Christian family life standing committee chairpersons, coming together as a team to share creative, new and innovative ideas.

I attended the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) seminar entitled *Sex, Gender and Ideology* with National President Margaret Ann Jacobs. The international facilitators were engaging and touched on several topics at this very educational seminar. To view the presentations visit colf.ca.

The Third Way: Homosexuality and the Catholic Church: This very powerful video focuses on the Catholic church's teaching regarding homosexuality and may be viewed at blackstonefilms.co/thethirdway/.

World Meeting of Families, August 21-26, 2018: This event will be held in Dublin, Ireland. Consider supporting a couple or family to attend. I had the awesome experience and opportunity to participate in the 2015 meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. More information is available at worldmeeting2018.ie/en/.

World Youth Day: This event will be held in Panama City in 2019. Plan how to become involved. For example, fundraise for youth from the parish/diocese to attend or become prayer partners for those attending. Check the website jmjyouth.com for suggestions.

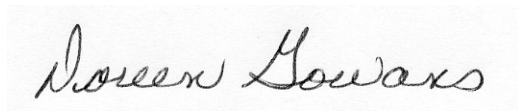
Child Dignity in the Digital World: Children experience difficulties on the Internet with issues such as "sexting" and "cyber bullying". The Vatican's Gregorian University is looking into ways of providing technical, educational and legal solutions to curb these issues. On October 3-6, 2017, a meeting of world experts united to prevent offences to children on the Internet will take place at the Vatican with Pope Francis in attendance. Watch for further developments as they become available.

Families On The Way of the Cross: This new prayer resource, designed for pastoral use during moments of parish prayer, on Good Friday, or for public processions and prayer vigils, was created as a joint project between the Franciscan Family Centre in Bethlehem and the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada. It is available at commissariat.ca/families-way-cross.

Sony Pictures Home Entertainment: A “clean version” pilot program was announced where movies will have foul language, sexual content and explicit violence edited out. Families will be able to order certain movies formatted for family viewing. Visit citizengo.org/en/fm/71503-hollywood-elite-dont-want-you-have-clean-versions-movies-stand-family for more information or to show support.

“The Joy of Love” At the Heart of the Family: Put this on your Christmas list to send to each member of your family. It can be obtained for \$0.40 each from COLF at colf.ca.

Thank you for all the great team work being accomplished for the League! Together, through this standing committee, members can be inspired to serve God, Canada and beyond! God bless.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doreen Gowans". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Doreen Gowans
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