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*“The world tells us to seek success, power and money:
God tells us to seek humility, service and love.” Pope Francis*

Promoting Human Life

God created us and then gave us a set of rules or commandments to live by. The fifth commandment is, “Thou shalt not kill” Assisted suicide not only kills the body it could also kill the soul. I have just finished writing letters to my Member of Parliament and our Prime Minister regarding both abortion and assisted suicide and to Adrian Dix BC Minister of Health asking him not to require the Delta Hospice to perform MAID. I strongly urge you to do so as well. We need to stand up for the gift of life because life is sacred.

Dates to Remember

Ash Wednesday	Feb 26th
World Day of Prayer	March 6th
Easter Sunday	April 12th
Provincial Convention	June 11-13th

Give Generously

Shari Guinta, our national Spiritual Development chairperson encourages us to give to Catholic Missions in Canada CMIC. They are in need of our generosity as they build several new churches across Canada.

Another organization in need of our help is CNEWA. As mentioned in an earlier communique, national has asked us to support a home in India for developmentally challenged women called Pieta Bhavan (House of Mercy) They need a new drinking water well. Cheques can be mailed to CNEWA at 1247 Kilborn Place Ottawa, ON K1H 6K9
Reference CWL India on the memo line on your cheque.

Persecuted Christians

According to EWTN there are 260 million Christians facing religious persecution. These Christians are mostly in Nigeria, North Korea, China, Iraq, Syria, Africa, India, and Pakistan. EWTN recommends asking our governments to tie religious freedom with our trade agreements and aid thereby guaranteeing Christians a safe place to practice their faith. Write your MP today.

Don't Get Discouraged

As Catholic women we face many challenges in our society today. The issues can be overwhelming, discouraging and traumatic. Don't get discouraged, act don't react. Write the government, pray and do your part then leave the rest to God. God is still in control.

“We weren't created for comfort; we were created for greatness.” Benedict XVI

Saint Joseph feast day March 19th

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, a simple carpenter, and silent character in the gospels was declared by Pius IX in 1870 Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Leo XIII tells us the church is Joseph's family. He is our protector especially in family issues. Pope John Paul II also said we need him in the work of evangelization and re evangelization.

St. Teresa of Avila said St. Joseph saved her life. She was critically ill and was cured by this wonderful saint. St. Teresa reminds us to test St. Joseph by asking favors of him. During Lent get close to St. Joseph, pray the Litany of St. Joseph. It is on the internet. Wear the cord of St. Joseph as it is a protection against impurity and use the oil of St. Joseph. Both can be found at Catholic bookstores. The first Wednesday of each month is dedicated to Saint Joseph. Get a group together and pray the rosary.

(Sources: R. Ellsberg *All Saints*. Dr. Mark Miravalle, *St Joseph The Patron of the Universal Church* Catholic Lighthouse Media)

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless and protect you!

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