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Special blessings to all of you during this beautiful autumn season. We just returned from a road trip to Edmonton. The lakes, mountains, valleys and gorgeous fall colors made our trip so special. We have a very beautiful country!

Elections: Please take time to get to know the provincial candidates running in this Saturday's election. Pay special attention to what they say about the life issues of abortion and euthanasia. Remember if you don't have the right to life which is the first and most basic right, all the others issues are irrelevant. Jesus commanded us "Thou shalt not kill."

Bishop Jensen's Women in Mission Retreat: For those of you who did not get the opportunity to attend his online retreat it is on the national website until November 1st. It is filled with wisdom and well worth listening to it.

Praying: As I stood praying on the street during this year's Life Chain, I was so proud to see so many Catholic Women's League members from our city and nearby towns. We were a real witness to the truth.

The new encyclical Fratelli tutti: Because promoting the study of Catholic teachings is part of our duties as Spiritual Development chairpersons, I highly recommend reading and studying this document.

October is dedicated to the month of the Holy Rosary: I recently heard the rosary referred to as the gospel on a rope. I remember Mom and Dad kneeling down with me and my 11 brothers and sisters saying the rosary during the month of October. Catherine Doherty said, "The repetition, slow and reverent, of these prayers, is not monotonous. It is our companion to our retracing the life of God, his mother, and his church, a pilgrimage of love and faith."

October - Month of Prayer for Home Missions: It is profound to read the stories in the Catholic Missions in Canada magazine about the sacrifices our missionaries make. Please include prayers for all our home missions while saying your rosary.

November Necrology Masses: November is the month to remember our deceased sisters in the league. If you are not gathering for meetings during COVID-19 you can still have a necrology Mass where you read out the names of all your deceased members.

Advent: The first Sunday in Advent starts on November 29th. The Advent wreath with its lighted candles is a great way to gather and pray.

Please remember to buy religious Christmas stamps and cards to send to friends, family and colleagues. Jesus truly is "the reason for the season."

Advent Service - The Light of the World

This prayer service can be found on page 13 in CWL Prayers and would make a holy addition to your December meeting or get together.

December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: It is also a National Day of Prayer in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. The theme is “Healing of the Earth”. “Together we share one common home, Mother Earth, and we are all dependent on her for our existence. We continue to face very real threats to our ecology and way of life, which never has been more apparent as we live through the present Covid-19 pandemic. We must come together as one human family.”
(Canadian Catholic Bishops of Canada)

“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, call on Mary...under her protection you have nothing to fear.” St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us.

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