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Faith Communique # 1

Greetings sisters in the League and Fr. John Garden!

Last week, residents of the Okanagan felt helpless against uncontrolled wildfire and all we could do was pray for an end to the inferno. Thank you to those who expressed their concerns and prayed for us! I believe our prayers worked. This quote comes to mind as the raging fires die down and rain falls gently.

“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” Matthew 21:22

I am humbled and honored to serve as your Chairperson for Faith and look forward to working with all of you. Most of you don't know me. I am immediate past president for the Nelson Diocesan Council and my home council is St. Pius X parish in Kelowna. The blessings I am most grateful for are my husband Murray, our six children and ten grandchildren. If you wish to know more about members of the provincial executive, our bios can be found at bcyukoncwl.com.

Where to begin?

Know our Responsibilities:

- Spiritual growth of members
- Study of Catholic teachings
- Role of women in the church
- Evangelizations and mission assistance
- Lay ministries
- Ecumenism and inter-faith endeavours
- Vocations

Suggestions:

- Download or print the resources for Faith chairpersons at cwl.ca such as:
Handbook for Chairpersons of Faith, Service and Social Justice #614
Toolkit for Faith (Printable Documents) #640 A
Toolkit for Faith (Workshop PowerPoint) #640B and
6 or more Faith -related manuals

- Your council determines the topics and/or activities it would like to work on for the year, then your committee along with the other 2 standing committees could develop a coordinated approach to making an action plan. Each committee has its own responsibilities, but they overlap.
- Create a sub-committee so the work is distributed.
- Provincial, diocesan and parish councils are refreshingly unique and find distinct ways of doing things. And so, see what works best for your councils then share your successes and even your difficulties with other councils in your diocese. They may benefit from the information. Keep the lines of communication open.

**Most suggestions given above were taken from cwl.ca, recent memos or communiques. Detailed information can be found at cwl.ca. The manuals and toolkits are brief and well-written,*

Reminders:

Let's continue to pray for our clergy and find new ways to show them our appreciation for the work they do in our parishes and for the League. St. Charles Borromeo, patron saint of seminarians, priests, bishops, and religious leaders feast day is on the 4th of November. Also, please keep more accurate records of your councils' departed members. Every sister and spiritual advisor should be accounted for and remembered in our Book of Life.

May the Holy Spirit and our Lady of Good Counsel guide us!