



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**  
**Ottawa Diocesan Council**  
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*Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call*

COMMUNIQUE #1

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TO: Parish Council Presidents  
From: Onagh Dooley, Diocesan President

*"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them, I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day"*  
*Pope Francis – Evangelii Gaudium*

Margaret Ann Jacobs, in our Spring *League Magazine*, asks "how do we have a personal encounter with Jesus? We do it when we make time or room in our lives for another, to recognize the dignity and worth of each person with whom we come in contact; we respect, affirm and value the opinions, thoughts and ideas of others." She asks us to open our hearts and minds, risk being vulnerable and trust that the Spirit will guide and intercede for us.

She shared a quote with us "when people work together, interacting on a foundation of trust and unified commitment, they are transformed. Something new is created. This is when we learn understanding, gain new insights and learn our greatest lessons. But it requires us to let go of our need for control" (A. Roger Merrill)

Thank you for all the work you do at parish level. As presidents, co-presidents or contact persons, you are innovative in finding ways to keep the League alive, so please forward your photographs and short write ups to me for posting on the national website "On the Spot". I look forward to working with you all during the next two years, and don't forget to also send me notes or flyers of upcoming events in your councils for posting on our own Ottawa website.

2020 seems a long way off, but planning is already underway to celebrate The League's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary – check out the various activities on the website, join the fun and get members involved.

Next month I will be bringing the beautiful coral coloured lap quilt, hand knit by Marilyn Adair, president of St. Basil's parish council, to the Ontario Provincial Convention in, Thunder Bay. It will be blessed, again, and distributed with 12 other diocesan council's lap quilts, to a local facility. I am also excited to bring the motion for Ottawa's first resolution, in many years, to the floor of this convention, so prayers are requested for the successful adoption of this motion at the Provincial level and to have it forwarded to the National Convention in Prince Edward Island in August.

*Our Lady of Good Counsel Pray for us.*