The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Catharines Diocesan Council

**Spiritual Development Chairperson Report**

**Diocesan Executive Meeting:** September 20th, 2017

**Name of Standing Committee Chair:** Louise Minniti

**While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation.**

**CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**On Tuesday, September 26th, 2017,** at 3:30 P.M. the Solemn Mass celebrated live from Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa for the Feast of Saints Jean de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (secondary patrons of Canada), with the **Consecration of Canada to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation**. In addition, the Bishops are highlighting the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. Salt and Life will broadcast events live online and on television with selected times for repeats throughout the day.

**DIOCESAN MARIAN EVENT:**

The Diocese of St. Catharines Diocesan Marian Event, Year of the Rosary and Pray for Peace celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions will be held at St. Alfred Church 272 Vine St., in St. Catharines, on **Saturday, September 30th,** 2017 from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. As Members of the Catholic Women’s League, your attendance at this display of Marian devotion is strongly urged. Let's make our presence felt and visible—wear your scarf/sash and pins, car pool and stand in unified witness to the Year of the Rosary and Prayer for Peace.

Let me know by September 20th, 2017 how many will be in attendance.

**ANNUAL CWL/KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS AT ST. ALEXANDER CHURCH, FONTHILL.**

This annual celebration of the lives our deceased members will be held on **November 9th**, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Alexander Church in Fonthill.

**REGENERATE(D):**

Branches Ministry will once again be hosting a Fall Conference on **November 18th**, 2017 at the Scotiabank Conference Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Doors open at 7:15 A.M. Conference runs 8:00 A.M.- 6:30 P.M.

The conference will begin with an address by Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and this year's main celebrant and homilist. The theme of this year's conference is Apologetics: How to respond to the other “isms” Catholics encounter in everyday life, with the conference challenge being, “**What is Truth?”**  Basic Event Registration is $45.00. Early bird and group discounts available. Go to: go2branches.com.

**Regenerate(d) Youth 2017**

Running concurrently, the Youth Conference is for ages 13-18. This Conference's main celebrant and homilist will be Rev. Rico Passero, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Grimsby. Go to: gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org.

*We come to be healed. We come to be educated. We come to be regenerated*.

**ANNUAL RETREAT: GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES, WELLANDPORT**

The retreat to be held at Gethsemane Ministries, on Wellandport Road, Wellandport, will be held on **Saturday, March 17th** and again on **Wednesday, March 21st**, 2018. More information to follow.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**September 26th Consecration of Canada to the Immaculate**

**Heart of Mary.**

**Canadian Martyrs**

**September 30th Diocesan Marian Event**

**October 18th St. Catharines Region Fall Evening of Reflection**

**November 9th, Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of CWL/KC**

**November 18th Regenerate(d)**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Louise Minniti**

**Spiritual Development Chair**