

RESULTS – Spiritual Advisor’s Luncheon

National Convention – Toronto

- Archbishop Curried emphasized how important the Advisor’s group felt about the work of the League and their contribution to parish life. They realize that through our resolutions, WE, (as no other group in the Church does) ..can and do make a difference because of our organization’s positive structure, he congratulated us and noted that we are extremely resourceful and well organized.
- The benefit to every Catholic woman to belong to the League is not only a giving but also is a receiving benefit. The Military CWL was used as an example, of support given to members whose spouse is away, providing family and moral support and this is true in the majority of councils of the League as well.
- It was pointed out and suggested that the League has a large untapped resource with immigrant women in parishes and that we should outreach to all, especially those who are new to our country by providing an atmosphere of friendship, support and encouragement to join our movement.
- **(The next item is a common one and hopefully can be addressed in future).**

The challenges of our Spiritual Advisors who do not attend meetings or give personal support to councils was discussed as well. To try to improve the situation it was suggested that the Spiritual Development Chair – along with perhaps the Council President, make an appointment to sit down and discuss what your expectations are and to listen to his requirements. Try to firm up dates when he could attend meetings and it is most important to involve him when he does attend meetings.

Perhaps suggest some topics that he could speak on and ask for his input.

For example: upcoming special occasions / Advent / Lent etc. Mini Retreats that he could give, or other suggestions your council may have.

It was stated that Priests are feeling challenged today and dialogue needs to take place to discuss what is expected from both parties.

- We are encouraged as Christian women to have a generous spirit and understanding of the many challenges that face Priests today. We are encouraged to prepare spiritual programs that are interesting, timely, and try to involve new members each time.

To mentor those members who are particularly quiet and perhaps shy too participate but with encouragement might agree to do so.

- The suggestion to implement electronic media in presentations was also put forward.
- Councils are encouraged to make presentations about the League to seminarians to educate them on the benefits of the League to parishes.
- The Spiritual Advisors also pointed out the importance of Provincial and National Conventions as learning tools for all members and suggested that Councils strive to make funding available more of a priority to members to assist them to attend conventions.