



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Council  
Christian Family Life Communique # 2  
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Sanctity for life will be celebrated May 12-19<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the 2019 is listening to the gospel as a family; you can go to [golf.ca](http://golf.ca) to help plan activities.

**Sunday, May 12th is the 56th annual World Day of Prayer for vocations.**

Visit [worlddayofprayerforvocations.com](http://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com) for more details, resources or to read Pope Francis' 2018 World Day of Vocations message, "We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!" A short video to promote and support vocations is also available.

Sub-committee member Nancy Simms writes, "Often we think that the calling to serve God through the vocation of becoming a nun, or for our men to become priests or brothers, are just for 'other' people. The call doesn't come to people in the 'real' world. It certainly would not be for me, or for my children or grandchildren! Yet, when we turn off the noise of our busy lives, we often hear a call that we realize was always there, but were working hard to tune out. Two exemplary witnesses of this call may be found on YouTube at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80msIR5Zs6s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARXD34RFnYE>

**Ministry to Separated and Divorced**

National Chairperson of Christian Family Life Pat Deppiesse's article in the upcoming spring 2019 issue of *The Canadian League* contains information about the annulment process when some marriages just can't be saved. Families affected by divorce may not be aware of available help allowing them to move forward and return to the graces of the church by petitioning for a declaration of nullity of their former marriage. Consider reaching out in compassion, with loving prayers and supportive companionship to those affected by divorce. To assist with this initiative a booklet entitled *Annulment Process* will be available on the national website on April 23rd. This booklet was compiled with the assistance of the Vancouver archdiocesan marriage tribunal office. An effective educational tool for members and councils, the booklet may be downloaded from [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) and copies printed for council use.

This article is very beneficial and helpful for those who would want to receive an annulment.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) continues to post possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The proposed texts for the month of March 2019 include suggestions from the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3 March to the 4th Sunday of Lent, 31 March. As usual, the suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. The texts for the month of December are available on the special Life and Family webpage, under the section "[Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)".

I hope some of the above links, ideas are helpful and can be shared with our sisters and parishes.

May Our Lady of Good Council watch over us.

Your sister in the League,  
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