

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE

SECTION: Administrative Positions

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TITLE: **Spiritual Advisor**

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PURPOSE

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) values the role of the Spiritual Advisor and encourages his participation and support in League activities.

POLICY

The Spiritual Advisor provides advice and spiritual guidance to the CWL council.

PROCEDURE

1. The Spiritual Advisor is the pastor of the parish or whomever he designates (e.g., deacon, religious).
2. The Spiritual Advisor is a member of the Council and acts in an advisory capacity; however, he/she does not have voting privileges.
3. The Spiritual Advisor:
 - a. is familiar with spiritual resources offered by the League;
 - b. is familiar with the League's Mission Statement, "*The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service*";
 - c. respects the financial autonomy of the League;
 - d. consults with the President to remain informed regarding the council's activities;
 - e. provides advice and guidance for the spiritual program in cooperation with the Faith chair;
 - f. is notified of executive and general meetings and annual meetings of the council and is encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings, when possible;
 - g. may provide a report if unable to attend regular meetings;
 - h. promotes membership drives and other CWL projects by speaking positively to the parish about the League;
 - i. celebrates the Eucharist or liturgies of the Word;
 - j. helps plan programs for meetings and special occasions;
 - k. recognizes the value of a League representative as a liaison on the pastoral council;
 - l. is familiar with League protocol for a deceased member - e.g., Eucharistic offering, honour guard, prayer service at the funeral home, luncheon, etc.;
 - m. serves on the nomination and elections committees;
 - n. attends the banquet portion of the diocesan convention, when able.
4. The Spiritual Advisor is updated on financial matters; however, final decisions are made by CWL members [Part XVII of the Constitution & Bylaws].
5. A lapel pin will be presented to the spiritual advisor upon installation.