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Christmas Greetings to All of my Dear Sisters in the League,

Greetings to each one of our members in the League! What an incredible, vibrant Sisterhood we have in the Catholic Women's League! I never cease to be amazed at it, and feel truly blessed to be a part of it. Every day something comes over my e-mail, or my phone will ring – someone needing information or wanting clarification on something, and I smile and offer a prayer of thanksgiving that I'm so privileged to be a part of this wonderful organization. With the Advent season very soon to culminate in our celebration of the Birth of Christ, and with all of the stress and activity that goes along with our preparations for Christmas, we need to remember to step back and take time for ourselves amidst all of the noise and just spend some quiet time with the Lord, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

In my most recent Communique, I introduced my theme for Manitoba; *"The Seed that Flowers"*. There are many ways that we can all plant seeds that will flower and ultimately bear fruit; something as simple as a smile, a hug, a touch, or a phone call; or it can be a plate of freshly baked cookies or a bag of groceries. Remember our shut-ins – do they need a ride somewhere or someone to go to the store to get the supplies they need? All of these acts are so small and insignificant to us, but they mean SO MUCH to the recipient! These small gestures will go a long way to create a community of caring, a network of sisterhood that's really lacking these days, particularly in our urban communities. We never know what challenges and struggles another person is dealing with on any particular day, and the smallest act might just mean the world to someone else.

Our Annual Day of Celebration will take place on Saturday, February 8th, 2020, at Christ the King Parish Hall, 847 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg. The theme of the day will be "Care for our Spiritual Home", and our own Fr. Paul Bringleston will be leading us through a very inspired, spiritual day. We are also thrilled to be welcoming our National President, Anne-Marie Gorman, to our midst for the day.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with each one of you and your families in all that you do during this Christmas Season. May She Bless You and Keep you in Her Loving Care. And finally, I pray that the coming year will bring you and your loved ones much love, happiness, health and prosperity.

Best Wishes,

Janet Brunger
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