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Antigonish Diocesan Council

Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission

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Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission: Combating Isolation

As we live out our national theme, "Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission," we are called to look closely at our communities through the lens of our scriptural focus, "Blessed are the poor". True poverty extends far beyond financial need. Today, one of the most painful forms of poverty is social isolation and loneliness, which deeply affects our seniors, the homebound, the grieving, and those facing sudden life transitions.

The inspiration for our theme comes from the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Road to Emmaus. On that road, Jesus did not let the disciples walk alone in their despair; He accompanied them, listened to them, and broke bread with them. As CWL members, we are called to do the same. We are challenged to ignite the fire of hospitality within our own hearts and actively break the silence of isolation. By making a simple phone call, paying a visit, or welcoming someone new to our council meetings, we gently remind the vulnerable that they are never alone. Let us keep our hands ready to serve and our hearts open to true fellowship.

Prayer to Heal Isolation and Build Fellowship

Loving and Merciful Father,

You created us for community and relationship, reminding us that no one should have to walk through life alone. We place before You all those in our parish and neighbourhoods who are carrying the heavy cross of loneliness, isolation, and quiet grief. Ignite our passion to notice the forgotten. Give us the courage of the Emmaus disciples to seek out those who are walking in sadness or feeling left behind. Clear our vision so that we may recognize Your face in the isolated, the elderly, and the homebound. Empower us to be Your instruments of connection. May our CWL councils be true sanctuaries of fellowship, intimacy, and friendship. Grant us the grace to speak words of comfort, to offer the gift of listening, and to break down the walls of isolation with genuine, unconditional love. Bless those who feel invisible with the reassurance of Your constant presence. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, as we dedicate our service to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

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