Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada Spring Zoom Meeting, March 6, 2021, Oral Report Irene Perrault, Spiritual Development Chair

"Teach me your ways, O Lord; make them known to me". (psalm 25:4)

Canada Near East Welfare Association

Every year on September 21st (National Day of Prayer), members are being asked to offer prayers for their Christian Sisters and Brothers living in the Holy Land and the Middle East. In recent years, the Holy Land has been covered by clouds of war, violence and destruction, forcing millions of Christians to flee their homes. In order to help support the persecuted Christians, the Diocesan CWL has purchased a Peace Lamp which will be used at our meetings. If councils wish to help Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) by purchasing a Peace Lamp, you can do the following:

- 1 Do a Google search for "CNEWA Canada peace lamps" on your computer.
- Once on the website, click on "How to Help" and click on "CWL". You will see a sample of the Peace Lamps. There are two sizes: small cost \$55.00 plus shipping and the large cost \$70.00 plus shipping.

Dates to Remember:

April 26th - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

May – 12 Hours of Palliative Care 2018 – prayers found on the CWL National Website under Resources

Our Faith (tidbits about our faith)

- 1. The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity
- 2. The cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude

On January 27, 2021 B.A. MacKalski (Life Site News) wrote a poem after witnessing a Catholic kneeling outside the doors of a Catholic Church this Christmas (2020). I was touched by this poem and I hope that you are also.

Are you still there my Jesus? We are so alone,
There's a lockdown Jesus, we have no parish home.
Your church is bolted Jesus, we cannot enter in
Are you still there dear Jesus, our infant God and King?
We kneel upon the church step, we shed a silent tear
Lord save us lest we perish, for truly do we fear.
You calmed the storm dear Jesus, you cured the sick and lame
End corona virus, heal us once again.
You are ESSENTIAL Jesus, O Eucharist Lord
Give wisdom to your shepherds, And open wide the door.