## Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada Spring Zoom Meeting March 26, 2022, Oral Report Lynne Kelly, Christian Family Life Chair

## St. Vincent said: "Remember that the Christian life is one of action not a speech or daydream. Let there be few words and many deeds and let them be done well."

Christian Family Life Chair is responsible for the following:

**Marriage and Family:** The family is the basic cell of society. It is the cradle of life and love, the place in which the individual "is born" and "grows". We as chairpersons should promote programs that enrich and support all aspects of home and family life.

**Ministry to Disabled:** The aim of each council is to create an attitude that regards disabled individuals not only as people to be loved and served, but as responsible partners in the church's mission.

**Ministry to Seniors:** Seniors provide a gift to society of tradition and heritage acquired through a lifetime of experience.

**Ministry to Separated and Divorced:** Many single and divorced people face responsibility of raising children alone. The need to express the message of hope by offering assistance can be very beneficial.

## **Ministry to Widowed:**

By sharing of their gifts in church and society, the widowed may find their personal fulfilment in reaching out to others.

**Ministry to Youth:** Young people are the church, the people of God. Youth today have much to share; an exchange of ideas between generations is a source of growth and renewal for all.

Vocations: Vocations "are a gift of God" and "they are born in communities of faith".

**Sanctity of Life:** It is the belief of the League that the right to life is sacred from the moment of fertilization to natural death.

As Chairperson of Christian Family Life for the Diocesan Executive, I would like to suggest that every Council check the Executive Handbook and take at least one suggested action from at least three categories and enlist your council to help you put them into action.

Respectfully submitted