

Provincial workshop...August 2011

The 3 Diocesan executives met with the Provincial executive and did a “brainstorm” activity to come up with ideas/actions that would assist parish councils with “Faith, Fun and Fulfillment”. In order to promote the League as a viable choice for women who want more from their meetingsfocusing on fun, faith and fulfillment in equal proportions will help attract and keep members interested. These are some of the ideas we came up with.....we ask that you “brainstorm” in your parishes and share with us, so we can add to the lists and continue to share...together we can grow this organization.

Faith:

- mini retreats and reflections
- a different prayer card distributed at each meeting...members collect and use
- mass before meetings
- if you have a convent or religious congregation in your area, use the sisters as resource
- use members to be liturgical ministers in the church (have a mass a month or year that is served by CWL members to bring parish awareness to the organization)
- invite spiritual advisors and give them a role to play...ie information to the members on the new missal, ask them to participate in the spiritual program, ask for advice, give them information and explain their role.
- ask membership for advice or suggestions for spiritual programs
- make the program interactive, sing, add music
- pair up all members creating prayer partners, remember them on special occasions
- twin councils in your diocese/deanery for praying and meeting together
- have a prayer journal and/or prayer intention book at your meeting
- make the feast of Our Lady of Good Council special

Fun:

- get better at “tooting” our own horns
- Socialize...take a break
- share our talents...use whatever members are good at to teach others in the council (ie computers, exercises, dance crafts etc)
- celebrate members birthdays for the month...cake, blessings, have someone send cards
- guest speakers especially interactive ones
- use the “Dollar” store to decorate in themes
- have a gift draw or raffle at each meeting, each one pays a dollar to have their name in the draw; the person that wins, brings the gift next month.
- have a loonie collection and pick a member’s name, if they are not at the meeting then the money keeps accumulating until someone at the meeting wins it.

Fulfillment:

- Distribute minutes ahead or post in bulletin rather than read at meeting
- dispense with as much business as possible at executive; report back to regular meeting and bring motions to the floor for voting.