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To: All Parish Presidents, Spiritual Development Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17

There is a disturbing tendency going on in regards to funerals, especially in urban centres. A person may be a faithful Catholic all life long, but because their children (or lack thereof) or next of kin do not practice their faith anymore will not receive a funeral Mass. As the advertisements say "you must make your wishes known". Death is something a lot of us feel uncomfortable talking about but you should talk to your loved ones about your wishes especially if your family has fallen away from the practice of their faith.

The councils that are using the online membership to report their deceased members, please continue to do so and disregard the rest of this notice.

I would like to ask those councils who do not use the online membership system to please notify me: with the name of their deceased, date of death, parish name, city and region. I need this so that when I get the list from national/provincial I can verify the names. It would of course be preferable if your council did their reporting through the online membership, but not all councils feel comfortable with it. You can either mail me, email or phone me. It is far easier for you to contact me than for me to contact each council. I would also ask you to be prompt in your reporting, especially to national as the deceased will be sent a copy of "The League Magazine" until they are reported. Please show some respect for your deceased sister.

I apologize for not having all the names in the Book of Life at convention. I thought I had it up to date till the end of 2104 but then I realized that there were many names left off because I could not verify them from even being from our diocese.

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