



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



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In the words of Pope Francis, “We must learn to be on a journey of faith that involves taking time to savour God’s presence but not stopping so long that we miss our goal. We cannot make this journey alone so we walk together in community, with friends, with those who love us, and with those who help us along the way.”

What better way to follow these words than to protect our planet earth? The encyclical **Laudato Si** by Pope Francis provides a worldwide wake- up call and discusses how man is slowly destroying Earth as we know it.

Our new national theme **Care for our Common Home** can easily be put into action under the many ministries of Christian Family Life. With the provincial theme’s focus on water conservation and preservation kicking off on March 22, 2019 with World Water Day our councils should not have to go too far to find a reachable goal as very few of us are not bordered by some kind of water body.

In our councils we can promote visits to grand-parents, parents, disabled, widowed and separated and encourage them to participate by partaking in some of the changes to reduce water consumption. In our parishes we can ask our bereavement groups to watch water waste when we are preparing funeral lunches. We can contact our local schools and promote our theme and ask the students to come up with ways to conserve water and how they can make others aware of water preservation and conservation.

On another note we have an election pending in our country and we must stay on top of the candidates’ platforms. We need to make sure our beliefs on the Right to Life and the protection of medical professionals is not compromised. Please get to know who is running in your areas. Maybe some of you could even consider running for office, as you would be cognizant of the issues. We need to have competent individuals in charge of cultural, education and health issues as they affect our future.

The Catholic Church has been constantly headlined for what is wrong but it should be highlighting all the great things we accomplish. What better way to do this than showing everyone how we **Care for our Common Home**?

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Hoping to see many of you at Convention in April.

Love and Prayers -- Denise