



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council



Care for our
Common Home

To: All London Christian Family Life Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC (Christian Family Life Chairperson)
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“Lord, help me to take that one step forward to reach out to someone today.”

Our provincial president has added Loneliness to our National theme of Caring for Our Common Home. With the quick approach of the Christmas many of our communities will experience firsthand the number of families that will be looking for a helping hand over the holiday season. This can become a very stressful time for many of us because we would like to spend time with our own families and don't see that there is not enough hours in the day to spend time helping others.

When we walk into the malls there will be a large number of people with their hands out asking for help for every charity under the sky. You may even want to avoid this onslaught and take up the ever popular time efficient way of shopping online. Please take a minute and step back and put yourself into the shoes of the many who would only like the luxury of a warm bed, a hot meal and a chance to take a shower. You may know someone who has had their family structure drastically change due to illness, loss of a job, a fire or having to move out of your home because of age or a divorce. Now I would like you to read the little prayer I began this article with and ask for our Lord's help.

As a member of the London Diocese, Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski with the guidance of Pope Francis have asked us to get out of our comfort zones and go out and spread the “Good News” of the Lord. What better time of the year than the Christmas season to share God's love with others. By referring to the Laudato Si Pope Francis gives advice to families on how to cope with life's many stresses. To spouses he advises them never to go to sleep in anger, to families he asks us use the Bible as a guidebook for life, to married couples he asks them to embrace the turbulence and fulfillment of life, to the newly engaged he wants them to realize that life is like a roller coaster with good and bad days, Pope Francis wants you to take time for your family and share with them the joy of their faith, to the young the Pope asks you to put your devices away and see what is really important if life, to grandparents embrace your grandchildren and to especially take time to enjoy all the people in your life and build lasting relationships with each other. For those of us who live and work in the rural areas have different problems to conquer over those who live in urban spaces. Again please say the little prayer I began with and using someone's commercial lines Please reach out and touch someone.

Just a few notes to remember : "Care for Our Common Home" <http://livelaudtosi.org>

Loneliness: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2019/loneliness-is-epidemic-that-is.html>

Petition for One Million <http://petitionofonemillion.ca/sign-petition/>.

Has your council conducted a blitz for signatures?

Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Christmas!
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