



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents and Christian Family Life Chairpersons
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Out of the darkness, into the light; the time before Christmas is the time of light & mutual love.

Covid-19 has touched us in so many ways the last 20 months.

Our Members: This Advent and Christmas season we need to reach out to our CWL members who are living alone. Send a card or give a quick call.

Our Families: Are we keeping in touch and spending time together with our families? Are we planning to spend Christmas together or to make sure family members who can't be together are eating properly? So many of our seniors eat alone. Those eating alone will skip meals compared to those who eat most meals with others. Check in on grandparents and senior family members. Check on widows, separated, or divorced during advent and Christmas. Some will be having challenges getting through the Christmas season.

****If we can't be together; we can pray for each other.****

Update on Resolution: 2019.01 <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019.01-Canada-to-Honour-its-Commitment-to-the-United-Nations-Convention-on-the-Rights-of-the-Child.pdf>

- 1) Educate members on the importance of legal protection for unborn children before birth, and encourage members to speak to family and friends.
- 2) Raise awareness of the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, January 22nd, 2022.

Compassionate Community Care and “My Story” Update: A few councils have started working on our CWL members' stories for Alex and Genevieve Schadenberg. We have found it hard to impossible to visit members at home or in retirement/extended care homes since 2020. Things are opening up a little more now. Alex has gotten an extension to late 2022 to work on the 100th anniversary book of our CWL members' stories.

Wishing You A Blessed and Holy Christmas
Mary Ann