



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Parish Presidents, Community Life Committee Chairpersons
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Directive #7

Educate, Engage, and Empower

Human Trafficking, #Project ONroute July 30th Update:

Thank you to all of our London Diocesan CWL members, and Fr. Matt George our past diocesan spiritual advisor, for sharing the hour on Tuesday July 30th at one of the Highway 401 ONroutes. Kelly Franklin and other dignitaries were with us to share the hour.

Project ONroute Awareness became Canada wide and was re-named Project Maple Leaf on July 30th. The project raised 2/3 of the money needed for their campaign. Consider giving them a donation to help them reach their goal if you haven't yet had a chance to. We will continue to support Kelly and Farmtown.

Look for ONroute pictures and information in the Fall League Lingo; and an article will be in the Missio, the Diocesan Newsletter's fall edition.

Development and Peace:

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is preparing to launch its new fall campaign: for our Common Home, a future for the Amazon, a future for all. The Amazon rainforest which is critical to the earth's ecological balance, is up in flames. The exploitation of resources in the Amazon is driven by a global economy based on overconsumption, at a rate that threatens the future of our planet.

Each of us has a role to play in reducing our consumption, and preserving our common home for future generations. Share ideas at your meetings; and watch for more information from Development and Peace.

Voting 2019 Federal Elections:

Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops recommendations:

Canadian Catholics are being called upon as citizens to exercise their right to vote.

The respect for life from conception to natural death and the dignity of the human persons should influence how we assess a party's position on key moral issues. Choosing life also means concern for the weakest among us—physically, economically, and socially. It includes the right to religious freedom and freedom of conscience. We are looking for a more just society including support for the indigenous peoples; adequate funding for education, healthcare, housing and the prevention and treatment of addictions.

Take a stand against the Arms Trade and against Human Trafficking which exploits young people and workers. It means entering into international treaties that respect our planet, our common home as well as working for the expansion of peace everywhere.



Environment Care

Loneliness:

Our new Ontario Provincial Community Life Chairperson is Mary Capobianca. The Ontario Provincial theme for the next two years is Loneliness.

Loneliness includes anxious feelings about a lack of connection or communication with others. Loneliness and social isolation are now widely recognized as public health issues in Ontario. Government statistics show that 28% of households are single-person, which may also lead to social isolation.

Councils:

How do you keep in touch with members that can't attend?

Does your council have a telephone committee?

Do you have a group that visits shut-ins, nursing homes, etc.

Champion this for your council, parish and community and help make us a truly connected society again.

The project for Community Life Standing Committee 2019-2021 is below:

C.A.R.E. Connection Project

C-Communicate- Reach out to someone. It starts with a simple "Hello"

A-Act- Do something! Don't just think about doing it or don't wait. Just do it!

R-Respect- Respect people's situation. Don't judge. Be aware of their boundaries.

E-Engage- You just need to take that first step to make a world of difference to someone.

Councils may already have programs to keep in touch with their members and others not attending meetings. Please share any ideas with your councils and regions. You can email me anytime with ideas or concerns mahwcvl@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at our Fall Regional Days.

Blessings

Mary Ann



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