



London Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Communication Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Mary Maxwell, Communication Chairperson

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Directive #10

*For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6-7

Happy New Year! In spite of the cold and snow, the warm feelings of the Christmas season, the hope, joy, love and peace promised in the four weeks of Advent shall carry us forward in the month of January. At church on Christmas, I was struck by the role of the angels as communicators of the good news. I related it to all the communication chair persons in the League. It is you who bring the good news to your councils, your parish and your local community. Without you, the good news about our league would not reach so many people. Thank you.

The national website has a great January message from National President Margaret Ann Jacobs. You could encourage members to look it up or read it to your councils.

Last year in January, Shari Guinta, the National Communication convenor sent us a communique #3 about the television show *Mary Kills People* and explained the issues the Catholic Women's League has with the show. Since this show is returning for a second season, we need to continue to express our objections to it. Many people have said that they don't watch it but we need to do more than that such as continuing a letter writing campaign.

Since our Provincial Catholic Women's League has invited us to focus on the issue of homelessness. As the communication chairperson you might want to help provide facts and how it affects different classes of people such as the youth, the indigenous, seniors and those who are down on their luck. You can search Google "Facts about homelessness in Canada"

Marie-Theresa Lamphier in her Provincial communication directive in November shared the following websites: Facts & Figures – Raising the Roof: <http://www.raisingtheroof.org/for-media/facts-figures/>

Just the Facts: <http://www.cwp-csp.ca/poverty/just-the-facts/>

Facts About Youth Homelessness-Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth www.evas.ca/facts-about-youth-homelessness/

If people become aware of the issues, it may lead to action particularly during this very bitterly cold winter season.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us every day

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