



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London (Council Committee Chairpersons)
CC: London Diocesan Council; OPC Community Life Chairperson, Mary Capobianco
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Directive #9

Educate, Engage, and Empower

CNEWA Project: Pieta Bhavan, support for a drinking water well

Location: Pothy, Kerala, India in the Archdiocese (Archeparchy) of Ernakulam

As this is the second year of our National CWL focus “Care for our Common Home”; all councils are asked to take part in the Pieta Bhavan Project and donate to this worthy cause.

Pieta Bhavan is a Christian home for more than sixty women with intellectual disabilities. The home provides food, clothing, shelter and medical treatment, and additional care for some residents unable to care for themselves. Some women receive skills training and make items such as rosaries and soap.

It is vital to have suitable wells in Kerala to keep the water clean and drinkable for daily use.

Currently, Pieta Bhavan has an open well in need of repair. The rusted cover fell into the well and needs replacing. As residents of Pieta Bhavan depend on this well for drinking water, it needs to be fixed to prevent any contamination from flooding.

Please add this cause to your 2020 budget. Cheques should be made payable to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and sent directly to the attention of Melodie Gabriel, CNEWA Development Officer, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 6K9. Please ensure “CWL India” is written in the memo portion of the cheque, or the comment box if giving online at cnewa.ca.

For more information, go to the national website and see Communique #10 from Marie Rackley, National Community Life chairperson.

Loneliness: “Loneliness is an epidemic that requires a caring response”

Each diocese is tasked with a project to combat loneliness. Our diocese plans to work with Alex Schadenberg. He will speak in the first part of the year at our Regional meetings. Please make a point of being at the meeting closest to you to hear Alex talk about the “Compassionate Community Care Program” that has come out of the Euthanasia Prevention initiative. From the presentation, each region can focus on one project to work on. Reports from this initiative are due to Theresa Ryan by the end of May. This allows each region to work on a unified project February through May. Blessings on your work in your councils and regions.

Mary Ann



Environment Care