



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

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"Holy Spirit, help me to persist in prayer and learn to hear your voice."

What better time of year than the Advent Season to ask the Holy Spirit to help us. We are ending our second year of Covid-19 and many of us are weary from the many restrictions we have had to endure. It can't possibly be as hard as it was for St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary trying to find a place to deliver their infant son.

These past months have taxed the mental health of many and a lot of families will go through the season without parents, siblings and children who were lost in the pandemic. We need to keep watch on our federal and provincial members and question what they propose to do to provide aid for those who need it the most. Band-aid remedies are not the answer! We need long term solutions. You have the chance to affect the future. The provincial elections are just a few months away. What issues should be addressed?

One topic we are hearing a lot about is the plight of the Indigenous and the treatment they have received over the last 2 or more centuries. In a recent presentation Senator Murray Sinclair stated "the Key to accomplish Reconciliation is to become **Educated.**" Please check out the London Diocesan site (dol.ca), check out the many articles on line or contact your local libraries. You can even check out the University of Alberta and monitor a course on the Indigenous for FREE. Once you learn how little we were taught while going to school you might change your views

If your councils are looking to do something new

- For contact: type in - University of Alberta: Indigenous Studies Free course
- How about visiting your local indigenous band. The London Diocese has many places you can visit?
- What about attending a local Pow-Wow which usually happens in the summer months?
Type in Pow Wows in Ontario on subject line
- All Councils could make the Canadian Missions a charity you can support
- Add an education piece to some of your meetings by asking a local band to come and share with you

FY.I. Please mark your calendars for **Feb. 12, 2022 we are going to learn how Legislation works.**

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Bless and keep you safe!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Denise Lalonde Morris