



**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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Educate, Engage, and Empower

My Final Community Life Directive March 2021

*Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.
Mother Teresa*

Homelessness:

In 2019 our diocesan councils collected 18,000 pairs of socks to donate in their communities. Members have continued to volunteer and give to food banks and homeless shelters. They have donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their communities. Even in the year of Covid-19 Pandemic, our councils have been doing their best to help others and continue to contribute where needed.

Loneliness and Compassionate Community Care:

Through the last year, our councils kept in touch with their members. Cards were sent, calls were made, and emails sent out. Groceries and supplies were delivered to those members not able to get out with the Covid-19 restrictions. Councils sent out newsletters or emailed their members.

Our diocese had a Virtual ZOOM Workshop with over 90 (100 maximum) attending in January. Alex Schadenberg and his daughter Genevieve facilitated. Topics covered were the need for police clearances, visiting in pairs, communicating with people with disabilities, and “My Story”.

Human Trafficking/Project Maple Leaf update:

February 22nd 2007 the House of Commons condemned all forms of Human Trafficking and Slavery in Canada.

July 30th 2019, our members through the diocese went to their closest ONroute on the 401 creating community awareness about Human Trafficking. We supported Kelly Franklin and Project ONroute, now Project Maple Leaf working across Canada.

This year, February 22nd has been unanimously adopted as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day by Federal Members of Parliament (MP).



Environment Care

Kelly Franklin thanks our councils for our prayers and donations to Farmtown Canada and their safe houses. The gift cards from various retail businesses have been given to the girls to help build trust. This allows Kelly to assist them to safety and back to their families.

For July 30th this year, Project Maple Leaf has developed a virtual social media campaign. We will hear more soon. You can get more details on the Courage for Freedom website: www.courageforfreedom.org

Care for our Common Home:

Our National CWL Executive asked councils across Canada to take part in an initiative for the second year (2020) of our focus “Care for our Common Home”. We worked with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) to donate to the Pieta Bhavan Project in India.

The Christian home in India provides food, clothing, shelter and medical treatment for more than sixty women with intellectual disabilities. There was an open well with a rusted cover in need of replacing. Our councils through Canada were able to donate to replace it.

I have been blessed to be the Diocesan Community Life Chairperson. My term has been three years due to the Covid-19. I have worked with awesome ladies on the diocesan executive and all the councils of our diocese. We have spent time together in prayer and at conventions, regional days, retreats, and other events getting to know each other and talking about issues we are working on together.

Virtual ZOOM meetings might be our way of being together right now, but we will be together in person again soon.

We pray for the end of the Covid-19 outbreak through the world.
Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us.

*Blessings,
Mary Ann*



Environment Care