Introduction

Thank you for participating in the testing of a new annual reporting system. As parish community life standing committee chairpersons, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing this annual report. It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what your members interests are.

* 1. Name of Chairperson:

* 2. Name of Parish Council:

* 3. Parish Town:

* 4. Diocese:

- ◯ Antigonish
- ◯ Alexandria-Cornwall
- ◯ Bathurst
- ◯ Calgary
- ◯ Charlottetown
- ◯ Corner Brook and Labrador
- ◯ Edmonton
- ◯ Edmundston
- ◯ Grand Falls
- ◯ Grouard-McLennan
- ◯ Halifax-Yarmouth
- ◯ Hamilton
- ◯ Hearst
- ◯ Kamloops
- ◯ Keewatin-The Pas
- ◯ Kingston
- ◯ London

- ◯ Mackenzie
- ◯ Military Ordinariate
- ◯ Moncton
- ◯ Montreal
- ◯ Nelson
- ◯ Ottawa
- ◯ Pembroke
- ◯ Peterborough
- ◯ Prince Albert
- ◯ Prince George
- ◯ Quebec
- ◯ Regina
- ◯ St. Boniface
- ◯ St. Catharines
- ◯ St. Hyacinthe
- ◯ St. Jean-Longueuil
- ◯ St. Jerome

- ◯ Saint John
- ◯ St. John's
- ◯ St. Paul
- ◯ Saskatoon
- ◯ Sault Ste. Marie
- ◯ Sherbrooke
- ◯ Thunder Bay
- ◯ Timmins
- ◯ Toronto
- ◯ Valleyfield
- ◯ Vancouver
- ◯ Victoria
- ◯ Whitehorse
- ◯ Winnipeg
- ◯ Not applicable

* 5. Province:

- ◯ Alberta Mackenzie
- ◯ B.C. & Yukon
- ◯ Manitoba
- ◯ Military Ordinariate

- ◯ New Brunswick
- ◯ Newfoundland and Labrador
- ◯ Nova Scotia
- ◯ Ontario

- ◯ Quebec
- ◯ Prince Edward Island
- ◯ Saskatchewan

Dignity and Rights of Persons

It is our responsibility, as Christian women and members of a national organization, to play an active role in opposing discrimination wherever and in whatever form it appears.

* 6. Are you familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

◯ Yes   ◯ No

* 7. What minority groups have your council supported, and in what ways?

	Had a guest speaker	Held a workshop	Provided a donation	Volunteered
Those incarcerated	☐	☐	☐	☐
Those suffering from bullying	☐	☐	☐	☐
Those suffering from domestic violence	☐	☐	☐	☐
Those suffering from homelessness	☐	☐	☐	☐
Those suffering from human trafficking	☐	☐	☐	☐
Those suffering from poverty	☐	☐	☐	☐
Those suffering from racism	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

8. Did your council act on any of the following dignity and rights of persons resolutions and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government	Provided volunteer services	Provided monetary donations
1987.04 Affirmative Action	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1997.09 Restorative Justice Programs for Young Offenders	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1999.01 Elder Abuse/Assault Awareness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2002.02 Anti-Bullying Programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2012.01 Criminalization of the Purchasing of Sexual Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2013.01 Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* 9. In 2013, national council adopted Resolution 2013.01 Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples. All members were asked to reach out to indigenous people in their communities. How has your council responded?

☐ Assisted indigenous women financially in their pursuit of an education

☐ Extended a hand in friendship to an indigenous woman in the community

☐ Invited an elder to speak at a meeting

☐ Knitted prayer shawls for victims of the residential school system

☐ Organized a social event for members and indigenous women

☐ Participated in a sharing circle

☐ Participated in the Sisters in Spirit campaign

☐ Provided complimentary membership to indigenous women in the parish

☐ Subscribed to newsletters for local indigenous groups/organizations

☐ My council has not undertaken any activities on this resolution.

Other (please specify)

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Social and Economic Justice

We must be active in making sure the most vulnerable members in our society are protected with love and justice.

* 10. Have you encouraged members to participate in the work of organizations caring for those in need?

○ Yes　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　○ No

Specify actions briefly.

* 11. What types of local organizations does your council support and how?

	Financial support	Prayerful support	Volunteer support
Affordable housing initiative	☐	☐	☐
Anti-poverty foundation or campaign	☐	☐	☐
Before, during or afterschool lunch program	☐	☐	☐
Clothing drive	☐	☐	☐
Drop in centre	☐	☐	☐
Emergency shelter for the homeless	☐	☐	☐
Emergency shelter for those experiencing domestic abuse	☐	☐	☐
Employment and skills training	☐	☐	☐
Food bank	☐	☐	☐
Food hamper	☐	☐	☐
Resource centre for single parents	☐	☐	☐
Restorative justice program	☐	☐	☐
Soup kitchen	☐	☐	☐
Violence prevention program	☐	☐	☐
Wish foundation	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

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* 12. Are you/have you become more familiar with restorative justice programs and prison ministry?

○ Yes   ○ No

* 13. In what ways have you promoted the Catholic Near East Welfare Association?

☐ Distributing pamphlets   ☐ Speaking at meetings

☐ Engaging a speaker   ☐ I haven't

14. Have council members attended a pre-arranged workshop or seminar on topics related to social and economic justice?

○ Yes   ○ No

15. Did your council act on any of the following social and economic justice resolutions and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government	Provided volunteer services	Provided monetary contributions
1972.24 Alternate Forms of Punishment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1985.12 Northern Renewable Resources	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1999.02 Childhood Abuse in Institutions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2001.03 Hunger in Canada	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2002.03 Accessibility of the Workplace for Persons with Disabilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2003.01 Affordable Housing for Low Income Canadians	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2005.02 The Children of Mothers in Prison	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2005.03 Protections of Farmers' Rights to Save Seed	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2009.01 Exit Strategies for Prostituted Persons	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2011.02 Children of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship

Canada and the League have a long standing tradition of welcoming new citizens.

* 16. Have you become informed about Canada's official immigration and refugee policies so that you can explain them to others?

○ Yes ○ No

* 17. How would you rate your personal understanding of the needs of immigrants and refugees in your community in terms of:

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Availability of employment services	○	○	○	○	○
Availability of English language courses	○	○	○	○	○
Financial assistance for food and rent that is offered	○	○	○	○	○
Countries of origin of immigrants and refugees	○	○	○	○	○
Number of immigrant and refugees in the community	○	○	○	○	○

* 18. Since undertaking this standing committee appointment, have you:

	Yes	No
Assisted with the local English as a second language program?	○	○
Joined your local or parish refugee committee?	○	○

* 19. If you were asked what is the difference between a temporary foreign worker, immigrant and refugee, would you be able to explain it?

○ Yes ○ No

20. Did your council act on any of the following refugee and immigration resolutions and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government	Provided volunteer services	Provided monetary contributions
1993.05 Canadian Immigration Policy to Protect Women at Risk of Gender-Related Persecution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2014.01 Restoration of Health Care for Refugee Claimants	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* 21. In 2015 the federal election was held. In keeping with Resolution 1978.06 Know Your Candidate for Office, did you ask council members:

	Yes	No
To use their influence in the selection of nominees to run as candidates?	○	○
To ascertain the convictions of the candidates as to the value of human life?	○	○

* 22. Did you or council members:

	Yes	No
Participate in citizenship ceremonies?	○	○
Participate in Remembrance Day services?	○	○
Support the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign?	○	○
Wear red on Friday in support of Canadian troops?	○	○

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is Canada's official Catholic overseas development organization, launched by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

* 23. As the community life standing committee chairperson, have you promoted:

	Yes	No
CCODP's education and fall action campaign?	○	○
Individual and council participation in the League's 1% national voluntary fund?	○	○
The use of Share Lent resources in your parish?	○	○

* 24. How much has your council donated to CCODP through:

Disaster relief funds directly to CCODP?

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The League's 1% national voluntary fund this year?

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Developing Countries

To help a family become economically independent is to help a community become economically independent.

* 25. As chairperson, have you:

	Yes	Somewhat	No
Become aware of conditions of child labour in developing countries and urge independent study of codes of conduct?	○	○	○
Become aware of the implications of trade laws and practices in the global economy?	○	○	○
Become knowledgeable through study about the economic difficulties of developing countries?	○	○	○
Criticized structures that put profits before people and pressure governments to change these structures?	○	○	○
Invited guest speakers from developing nations, or other people who have visited or lived in those countries, to meetings?	○	○	○

26. Has your council supported any of the following national or international organizations?

- ☐ Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group
- ☐ Canadian Food for Children
- ☐ Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan
- ☐ Catholic Near East Welfare Association
- ☐ Chalice
- ☐ Child Care International
- ☐ Doctors Without Borders
- ☐ Don Bosco Missions Office in Canada
- ☐ Free the Children
- ☐ Habitat for Humanity
- ☐ Handmaids of the Lord
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ Help Lesotho
- ☐ Holy Childhood Association
- ☐ Canadian Red Cross
- ☐ Mikinduri Children of Hope
- ☐ Missionaries of Africa
- ☐ Mother Teresa Foundation
- ☐ Mustard Seed Project
- ☐ Operation Christmas Child
- ☐ Operation Eyesight International
- ☐ Passionist Missions Canada
- ☐ Pennies for the Poor

- ☐ Ratanak International
- ☐ Samaritan's Purse
- ☐ Save a Family Plan
- ☐ Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- ☐ Sleeping Children Around the World
- ☐ Soles4Soles Canada
- ☐ Teddies for Tragedies
- ☐ Wells of Hope
- ☐ World Vision

27. Did your council act on any of the following developing countries resolutions and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government	Provided volunteer services	Provided monetary contributions
2000.08 Sweatshops	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2005.06 Developing Countries and Water	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2007.02 Global Accountability for Canadian Registered Mining Companies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2010.01 Chrysotile Asbestos	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

28. Is there anything else you would like to share about your council's community life activities?