



Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

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To: Chairperson of Community Life Committee / Parish President / Provincial President / Provincial Executive / Life Members
National Community Life Committee

From: Barbara McGrath, Provincial Chairperson of Community Life

Thank you to all councils that have submitted annual reports. It was inspiring to read about all the good things happening in your councils and in community life.

“The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that awakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”
(Misericordiae Vultus)

This is the quote Doreen Gowans, National Chairperson of Community Life, used at the end of her article in the winter issue of the League Magazine. A very fitting reminder of what we should aim to work towards in our community life committee during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has requested that we take action and carry out corporal works of mercy during the year.

In councils throughout our province, our members are answering his call in many different ways and many people are benefiting from these very important acts of mercy. Catholic Women League members are at the forefront of activities and projects that are supporting the betterment of community life.

The bank of Canada is looking to have a Canadian Women on the next series of bank notes to be printed in 2018. Please read below and follow the links in support of having St. Kateri on the next edition. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 8, 2016. Let's request our Canadian Saint Kateri and support Resolution 2013.01 Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples by asking our Federal Government to have St. Kateri Tekakwitha on the next edition of bank notes.

Refugee, Immigration & Citizenship

Many of our councils have been involved in the successful settling of 2500 refugees into Canada. In the coming months, we will be called upon to continue our support of these new Canadian citizens in any way we can.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and

An appeal was made at National Convention to increase the 1% donations to 11%. We all know the important work being done by this organization and the ways the organization is improving the lives of so many people throughout the Global South. Please try to increase your donations so they can continue to help improve the lives of people in developing countries.

Social and Economic Justice.

The plight of our seniors must be an ongoing concern for members. We know many seniors are suffering and living below the poverty, we must keep up the fight on their behalf. In saying that, many of us are helping make life better by offering special lunches, visiting the homes, helping with everyday chores. In looking at the council reports it is obvious that our members support social and economic justice for all.

Dignity & Rights of Persons

Members have been very active taking action in this standing committee. Making quilts for Ronald McDonald House and chemotherapy units, knitting prayer shawls, knitting scarfs for the Special Olympians, supporting Anti-Bullying Programs, are just some of the ways we respect the dignity and rights of the person. We are asked in this Year of Mercy to continue to plan and support projects and activities that respect the dignity and respect of persons. Keep up the great work you are doing.

It is important that we review the resolutions that are passed at Provincial and National Conventions. Through continue discussion we can do our part to ensure that these resolutions are enacted upon.

Keep up the great work you are doing to ensure a better quality of life for all our citizens.

Yours in the League
Barbara McGrath