



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Nova Scotia Provincial Council



"Blessed are the Poor"

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Sisters in the League,

Welcome 2026! There are many items and issues to be mindful of under Social Justice. A few are mentioned in this communique.

Several members of the NS Provincial Council and the Antigonish Diocesan Council continue to work towards having blood donor collection once again in the Sydney area. It appears at this time that future meeting(s) will be requested with the provincial government to assist in this cause.

The sale of warehoused American alcohol products began December 1, 2025. The NS government has dedicated the sales to support established food relief programs across the province. Further Feeding Community Fund details can be found on novascotia.ca

Our province has the highest rate of human trafficking incidences in Canada. The NS Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) consists of RCMP, Halifax Regional Police and New Glasgow Regional Police. The hotline (call or text 902-449-2425) is monitored 24/7 by a police officer who can help connect victims to safety and support services. A suspected human trafficking crime can be reported by calling 1-833-900-1010 (Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline). NS HTU will arrange a presentation if/when requested.

Take the time to acquaint yourself with Bill C-9: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime and access to religious or cultural places). Several organizations have expressed concerns as it is written including the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). Bill C-9 can be found on the Government of Canada official website Canada.ca and the letter for the CCCB is posted on cccb.ca

A new year can inspire new hopes, dreams and possibilities. What can we do in 2026?

Take care,

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