



**Catholic Women's League of Canada
Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Community Life
Communique #3**

Catholic and Living It!



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My dear sisters in the League, summer is approaching. The joy and light of the Easter season will transition to Ordinary time – a time of hope. With hope let us focus on some action items to consider over the summer as each council plans for their fall activities. Let us continue to pray for all people in the world to experience and share unconditional love for each other, to offer prayers for a change of heart to bring peace in our communities and world, the less fortunate, and those who have yet to find the joy of Christ. Let us open our hearts and give witness to be truly *Catholic and Living It*.

The Catholic News Agency published an article on Synodality: *Pope Francis launches 2-year synodal path with call to 'encounter, listen, and discern'*. Pope Francis reminds each one of us to take:

"Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries."

Pope Francis questions: *"Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: 'It's useless' or 'We've always done it this way'?"*

Or: "Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected, or judged?" © 2022 CNA

Marginalized: Over the summer each of our councils can think of and implement ways to educate and support all people inflicted by war, homelessness, hunger etc.

Support for Ukraine: The following links were provided for information on Ukrainian spirituality: <https://www.catholicicing.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Prayers-forUkraine-Printable-Pack-d.pdf>

Acts of Kindness: Pope Francis offered an apology and offer of hope for continued reconciliation to the Indigenous Peoples on April 1, 2022. On a personal level, who can each of us apologize to, reconcile with, or offer hope to?

Diversity: Each of our councils are made up of many ethnicities. Let us celebrate and perhaps host a cultural event that reflects each council's many unique attributes.

Solidarity: May 1 was International Workers Day and we were reminded – as 21st century workers – to stand with our Sisters and Brothers around the globe in common purpose and solidarity. For more information view the site:

https://www.ufew.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1785:may-1-international-workers-day-&Itemid=6&lang=en. What project can your council initiate and undertake in the community or globally?

Outreach: Thank you to all councils who have and continue to support their local communities many supportive housing, and food banks. Please remember our national Food Bank Project ends June 20, 2022.

Community: I encourage the councils to commit to a Community Life project that reflects *Catholic and Living It* at the diocesan, provincial, and a national level. Let's take this reopening of society after the pandemic as an opportunity to demonstrate in an open and caring way to educate our communities and fellow church members on the important issues our CWL commit to: Service, Faith, Social Justice. We must promote an open and positive outlook to encourage new and younger members to maintain and continue all of the good work done by the CWL. How do others view your council? What do people know about The Canadian Catholic Women's League?

Human Trafficking: Joy Smith was the guest speaker for a webinar - Human Trafficking, Canada's Secret Shame on May 28, 2022. Please share this information with schools and groups who can educate young people. Awareness is key to helping our young people avoid this tragic experience. For more information: joysmithfoundation.com - <https://joysmithfoundation.com/> or book a free book a prevention workshop: <https://joysmithfoundation.com/book-a-prevention-workshop/>. I shared this information with principals in the HRCE and at Sacred Heart School of Halifax.

Community life is vibrant. Let us continue to share our gifts and talents by continuing to assist those in need. In doing so, we serve God and Canada. May the blessings of this Easter season be upon each of you as we, the CWL, continue our acts of good work, mercy, discipleship, and community.

Yours in service,
Cathy Targett