

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE ORAL REPORT
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I would like to thank the Diocesan Christian Family Life chairs, Enis Moss and Dina Samson for their contributions to the annual report which you will find in the convention booklet. Many wonderful things are happening in the local councils under the leadership of the Christian Family Life Standing Committees.

I recently received communiqué #4 from Pat Deppiesse, National Chairperson of Christian Family Life. She asks that we reach out to mothers who wish to have an abortion. She quotes Archbishop J Michael Miller (Vancouver) "If we want to save the innocent unborn we must first save their mothers". She challenges us to create a plan encouraging members to become more involved in some way, perhaps placing the pro-life brochure (#305) in vestibules, along with names and phone numbers of someone able to help guide a mother in difficulty. You can download the updated brochure from the CWL National site. cwl.ca

Pat goes on to suggest we read the article "The Current Situation of MAID in Canada" at lifecanada.org to learn about the status of medical assistance in dying. The article provides examples of the dreadful realities of euthanasia in Canada to be concerned about.

The Ontario Provincial Council recently asked us to pray for MP Mark Warawa who is facing the challenge of his life battling cancer. There is a very emotional video of his farewell speech calling for the need for palliative care in Canada. Also he speaks about his belief and trust in God. His final words were "Love One Another". Please watch this video.

The office for Evangelization and Catechesis has developed a new resource on Family and Catechesis, which provides insight into the value of family catechesis. There are tips for planning catechesis and links to various websites that offer additional resources. For more information visit ccb.ca and follow the link Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

Please read and share the information on the "Annulment Process" contained in the spring issue of The Canadian League. Many families affected by divorce may not be aware the church offers help to allow them to move forward.

Please continue to pray for our youth and also vocations.

This concludes my report
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