



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## Nova Scotia Provincial Council

### Community Life

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***Catholic and Living It!***

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My dear sisters in the League, what a beautiful summer! Fall is upon us and we have much work to do in our councils. Have you thought of some projects to help the marginalized, ways to offer acts of kindness, diversity - perhaps to host a cultural event, acts of solidarity, an outreach or community life project at each level depicting *Catholic and living It?* The hope, peace, joy, and love of advent is coming quickly and with this, Christmas, so as council members let us share and communicate a message portraying the beauty of forthcoming season while truly giving witness to being *Catholic and Living It!*

Let us continue to pray with Pope Francis, this October, for “A Church Open to Everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality”.  
(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2022>)

Marginalized: Pope Francis reminds us that it “is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good.”(<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/quote-archive1/pope-francis>) Let us offer hope to the marginalized and think of ways to implement and educate to support all people inflicted by war, homelessness, hunger, etc. What is your council doing?

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

Acts of Kindness: Who can each of us be kind to, reconcile with, or offer hope to as an act of love for our brothers, sisters, friends, and neighbours. Pope Francis reminds us: "It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite."

[<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/quote-archive1/pope-francis>]

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: What project is your council going to initiate and undertake in the community or globally? We must remember: "Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity." Pope Francis, [<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/quote-archive1/pope-francis>]

Outreach: Thank you to all councils who have and continue to support their local communities supportive housing and food banks.

Community: Has your council committed to a Community Life project that reflects *Catholic and Living It* at the diocesan, provincial, and a national level. Let's educate our communities and fellow church members on the important issues of our CWL: Service, Faith, Social Justice. Please remember to actively promote an open and positive outlook to encourage new and younger members. There is a lot of 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: Please continue to promote and share the free opportunity for a guest speaker to educate others regarding human trafficking. 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](http://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 continues to offer hope and demonstrate the love of Christ in action. I encourage each council to share their action plan with their diocesan and provincial chair, so other councils can hear the exciting works that are ongoing in each of our communities. Let us continue to learn, be open to share our gifts and talents with others. In doing so, we serve God and Canada. May God's blessings be upon each of you as we, the CWL, continue our acts of good work, mercy, discipleship, and community.

Yours in service,

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