

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Timmins Diocesan Council

Community Life Executive Report

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This chair involves a number of portfolios that cover issues from local to domestic to international, overseen by the third person of the Holy Trinity. As we uncover some of the issues, you will begin to grasp the theme I chose to be the mantle of Our Lady of Good Counsel that the Catholic Members across Canada strive to serve with all our hearts, minds, bodies, souls and strength.

On a monthly basis, the provincial chairperson sent me current issues such as human trafficking, and how this could be combated by prayer and contacting our local MP's, MPP's to make laws to prevent this happening. In March she sent me the Bishops information regarding collecting money to help the underprivileged in our communities, our country and internationally. The National Catholic Women's League of Canada initiated a funding to support the Pieta Bhavan Project to repair the well and the donations were so great that the National Catholic Women's League was able to support another project Feeding Support for Catholic Schools.

Then COVID-19 hit and created a whole new set of crisis that seemed so overwhelming. Loneliness, inability to socialize, and help our fellow man set a precedent of hopelessness, helplessness and depression, increased brutality in the home, in the streets and throughout the world. Hunger increased in all of the poorest of the poor, death rates were beyond one's imagination. Civil unrest, and a number of wars were in sight. We were asked to pray the rosary, send money to the National office in support of their projects. Call our members often to make sure they had what they needed and help where ever you were able to within the restrictions put on by the provincial government which would keep everyone safe. The provincial counter-part kept the diocesan up-to-date with any new projects like Mary's Meals, Love reaches everywhere, C.A.R.E. project and prayers for Peace in the Holy Land. There was a project for Care for our Common Home during COVID-19

We were asked to write to our parliament members regarding the care of our immigrant workers to prevent them being over crowded and being sick with the virus, along with the need to be fed well given proper rest and wages.

Then there was the need for our government to take care of the elderly in nursing homes, the over crowded prisons and the increased number of homeless due to lost employment, sickness and loss of the main supporter of the family due to COVID.

When the Catholic Women were asked to pray, to donate and to give inside the home and outside, to write letters to the government it happened because they know when "Inspired by the Spirit, Women respond to God`s Call".

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