



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**  
**Ottawa Diocesan Council**  
**Community Life Standing Committee**



*Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call*

COMMUNIQUE #1

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TO: Parish Community Life Standing Committee Chairpersons  
From: Rosanne Nadon, Diocesan 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Community Life Chairperson

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible" –  
Pope Francis*

This is my first communique as your diocesan community life chairperson. To introduce myself: I am married to Patrick. We have four adult children and four grandchildren. I am a long-time parishioner of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Bells Corners.

### **Dignity and Rights of Persons**

Wilma Vanderzwaag, the Provincial Community Life Chairperson, wrote about human trafficking in her directive #11. She included the names of two films that you might be interested in showing at your council meetings. Go to [www.over18doc/screening](http://www.over18doc/screening) to view a trailer of the "Over 18" documentary and request a viewing of the film. It is not available for purchase at this time. Another film is "Red Light, Green Light". There is also a resource website on human trafficking – [www.hopeforthesoul.com](http://www.hopeforthesoul.com). Wilma mentions that greed and power are the root causes for pornography and human trafficking. She identified a couple of ways that we can keep our children and grandchildren safe in this internet world. To learn more about internet safety go to [kidswifi.com](http://kidswifi.com) or [thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca](http://thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca). Wilma attended The Waterdown Stop Human Trafficking Committee conference and the message from this conference was clear: pornography is the dress rehearsal and prostitution is the main act. We fight human trafficking when we work to stop pornography.

Prime Minister Trudeau met with Pope Francis and asked him to consider an apology over the Church's role in residential schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has called for a papal apology to survivors, families and communities.

### **Social and Economic Justice**

Ontario is launching a basic income pilot project this spring. It is aimed at providing financial stability for low-income residents. It will be three year project to be tested in three communities; Hamilton, Thunder Bay and Lindsay. An eligible person will receive a minimum of \$17,000.00 per year. Ontario is also developing a similar program for First Nations people.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is the Holy Father's special agency supporting the Eastern Catholic Churches. "Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and under the guidance of Pope Francis, CNEWA works for, through and with the Eastern Catholic Churches to identify needs and implement solutions" ([cnewa.ca](http://cnewa.ca)). CNEWA provides an opportunity to "build up the church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue and inspire hope."

### **Development and Peace – celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year**

Over the past 50 years, Development and Peace has invested \$600 million in more than 15,000 projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

There is a humanitarian crisis in South Sudan, Somali and northeastern Nigeria. It is estimated that 20

million people are in danger of dying of hunger, in the coming months. Development and Peace is working alongside their partners to deliver emergency aid to those in need.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Government of Canada launched a Famine Relief Fund that will see every dollar donated, for international aid between March 17 and June 30, doubled.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Caritas Canada announced the receipt of a \$4 million donation, from the Sisters of St. Ann of St. Joseph Province. The donation is the single largest private contribution that D & P has received to date.

### **“Did You Know”**

The Ottawa Public Library has an Indigenous Book Club. Please go to the library’s website for information on books which have been featured – [www.biblioottawalibrary.ca](http://www.biblioottawalibrary.ca).

### **Upcoming Event**

June 20<sup>th</sup> – at the National Arts Centre from 7:30pm to 9:15PM there is a contemporary production of Making Treaty 7.

June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Aboriginal Day.

Here are some of the many activities in Ottawa to celebrate this day;

National Aboriginal Day at Major’s Hills Park from 10:00AM to 10:00PM.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00PM to 10:00PM; June 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 10:00PM; June 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 6:00PM at Vincent Massey Park there will be competition pow-wows, family-friendly entertainment, family-fun zone, pow-wow pitch and much more.

**Peace to all!**