

Ottawa Diocesan Catholic Women's League
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“So Jesus ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks to God, broke them, and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.”
Matthew 15: 29 – 30

“God, help me to reach out to those around me who are in need.”

Words of Life 2009

Welcome back to another exciting year as we continue our work on Faith and Justice. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and enjoyed that beautiful hot summer days.

We have one Resolution from the National Convention under Community Life:

2011.02 Children of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women. The Action Plan asks that (1) we write the Prime Minister and our Members of Parliament to implement Canada-wide support programs and services for children of missing and murdered Aboriginal Women and (2) Invite someone to speak on this subject to foster awareness in your council. Good resource information found in the “Works Sited” of this Resolution.

Legislation a number of community life concerns (Terri Scott National Chair):

- 1) Bill C-304 Providing Temporary and Emergency housing
- 2) Long Gun registry
- 3) Bill C-4 Human Smuggling
- 4) Closing of the Canadian Wheat Board
- 5) Bill 268

Ontario Provincial Communications chair, Pauline Krupa reminded us of the up-coming Ontario Provincial Election on Wednesday, October 6, 2011. Please mark the day on your Calendars and please vote. Catholic Education has been under attack in past elections but it appears not to be a fore front issue this time. We need to be vigilant, as the major issues will be economy based so everything is on the block.

Did you know that the Canadian Immigration and Refugees Act protect people who have been trafficked from another country to Canada?

Resources: 1) Citizens for Public Justice has a newsletter “OLGA” available on various justice issues and 2) KAIROS has a campaign “Roll with the Declaration” encouraging the federal government to implement the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People.

Respectively Submitted