



## Ontario Provincial Council Christian Family Life Standing Committee



**URGENT MEMO**  
**Date: May 5, 2016**

**To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairpersons**  
**From: Rosanne Sogan, Ontario Provincial Council  
Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson**  
**Sub-committee: Margaret McAllister and Anna Brady**  
**cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers,  
National Christian Family Life Standing Committee  
Chairperson**

My dear sisters in the League:

As you are aware, Fort McMurray is currently under a state of emergency as the forest fires have ravaged through the area. 80,000 people have been displaced and many, possibly all of them, will have lost all of their belongings ... but thankfully, not their lives.

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins is collecting funds for families in crisis as a result of the Fort McMurray fires. In addition to this, the Government of Canada is matching dollars for donations to the Red Cross.

Is your parish and/or community doing anything to help with this crisis? Look into it and see how YOU as a Catholic Women's League member can help!

Please consider donating and remember to earmark your donations to the Canadian Red Cross in order for our government to match the dollars collected. Every dollar will help.

I cannot imagine having to flee my home of 37 years and all that my husband and I have: pictures, family treasures and our home. But to have our lives and each other is what truly matters.

I am currently working with a woman whose two sisters are living in Fort McMurray. She has been shaken by this frightening reality and all of us that work with her have been praying for her family and all the victims of this catastrophic tragedy.

Please read this article:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/media-centre/news-archive/chancery-news/donationsforAlbertawildfires>

Please pray and consider donating to help the people of Fort McMurray.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over the people of Fort McMurray as they begin their lives over again!

*Rosanne Sogan*