



**Ontario Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Directive # 5

Date: March 11, 2018

To: Diocesan Community Life Standing Committee Chairpersons

Cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Community Chairperson, Sub-Committee Chairpersons, Archbishop B. M. O'Brien

From: Joanna Sisk, Ontario Provincial Community Life Chairperson

This directive contains a request from the Redemptorists in Canada:

From the Executive Handbook

SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE *We must be active in making sure the most vulnerable members in our society are protected with love and justice.*

The chairperson shall: encourage members to participate in the work of organizations caring for those in need.

Dear Friends,

My name is Brother Raymond Pierce CSSR. I live in Toronto, at our Headquarters for English speaking Redemptorists' in Canada at 426 St Germain Ave., Toronto, ON M5M 1W7, Phone: 416 789 3217 Ext 249.

For over fifty years the Redemptorists' have had a Mission Fund Raiser, that involves collecting used postage stamps and selling them by the pound and sending the money to charities like the Canadian Food for Children Charity.

People are using the mail less now and as a result, we are receiving fewer stamps. We want to expand our used stamps donor base to ask more people to send us used stamps. So we would like to ask the various CWL Councils in Ontario, if they would join us in collecting used stamps and send them to us.

The current Director of our Redemptorist Stamp Burse, for the past fifty years, is Helen McCarthy

Helen will celebrate her 90th birthday this summer and plans to retire as Director of The Stamp Burse. Helen will pass on the Redemptorist Stamp Burse to Maureen Phylips of Mississauga, Ontario.

Over all these years Helen McCarthy's labor of love efforts have raised over three thousand dollars annually, from the sale of used stamps. When Helen has a thousand dollars, in the Stamp Bourse Bank Account, she sends us a cheque for a thousand dollars which we match with another thousand dollars and we send two thousand dollars to The Canadian Food for Children Charity.

Thank You for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Brother Raymond Pierce CSSR

Many parish councils already collect stamps for the Redemptorists and The Canadian Food for Children Charity. I encourage you to reach out to your parish and schools and ask them, to participate. Ask someone, in your council, to take on the task of forwarding them to the Redemptorists' project.

I look forward to receiving, in the near future, the stories from your councils, regarding ways you are responding to the provincial focus of homelessness. Which of the varied forms of homelessness, in our diocese, has your council chosen to focus on?