

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
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Madame President,

The three words of our national theme – *heart, voice, mission* – are symbolic of Christ's life on earth.

Jesus touched all the people he encountered: his heart reached out to the children, the sick, the poor, the dying, and the marginalized.

His voice never faltered and his message was clear: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

His mission was salvation. He gave his life on the cross to redeem us all in his glorious resurrection.

Today as we report on social justice projects throughout our various dioceses, we the members of the Catholic Women's League are united in this spirit of **ONE – Christ Jesus**.

In the diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, collectively our councils are committed to the one community effort to support the Children's Treatment Centre, to assist families and individuals in creating a safe and supportive environment in which children can overcome the trauma of abuse and thrive. The Centre is unique in that it is entirely funded by the community it serves and receives no government funding.

With the encouragement of Bishop Marcel Damphousse, all 9 Catholic Women's League Councils of the Diocese of Alexandria – Cornwall join together annually in a concerted effort to make a positive impact on the total amount raised in our community. Our members work hard to donate more than \$3,500 in their small councils to help provide programs of healing to children.

There is no greater social justice than that shown to the children in our communities.

Madame Chair this concludes my report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Vincelli, President
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