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To: Diocesan Community Life Standing Chairpersons
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cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers,
National Community Life Chairperson, Sub-committee chairperson

**Truth and Reconciliation Working Group Report
Learning, Listening, Actioning.....Working Our Way Towards Reconciliation**

Dear Sisters in the League,

As promised the OPC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group (T&R WG) has continued to work on the initiatives outlined in the last communique. As you may recall our first goal was to focus on educating and raising awareness.

To this end, I am very happy to announce that a new section has been added to the OPC website dedicated to Truth and Reconciliation. This can be found on www.cwl.on.ca and by accessing **RESOURCES**. You will then find **Truth and Reconciliation** on the pull-down menu. From this site, you will find **LINKS, SPIRITUAL RESOURCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**. The purpose of this site is to share resources and information. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any additions you may want to share.

Also attached to this communique you will find the first OPC Truth and Reconciliation Bulletin. This issue focuses on the celebrations from National Truth and Reconciliation Day. This is another way we hope to continue share information. We hope to issue this bulletin on a regular basis but it will depend in a large part on the information from our members. So please be sure to share your activities, prayers and events with us so that we can all continue to learn and listen.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Blessed Advent filled with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Mary Capobianco
Ontario Provincial Community Life Chairperson.

Truth & Reconciliation Events

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Greetings all,
I am very excited to introduce this bulletin, an initiative from the OPC Truth & Reconciliation Working Group.

From the submissions received from our members, it was clear that September 30th, National Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day was filled with prayer and reflection throughout our province. From small gatherings of family and friends to zoom events filled with prayer, the day was celebrated with reverence.

These two pages cover only a few of the activities that took place but I do hope that we've captured the spirit of the day and councils are inspired to organize their own activities throughout the year.

With your help, I hope to produce a bulletin regularly so that we can all continue to learn and grow together.

Remembering and Honouring



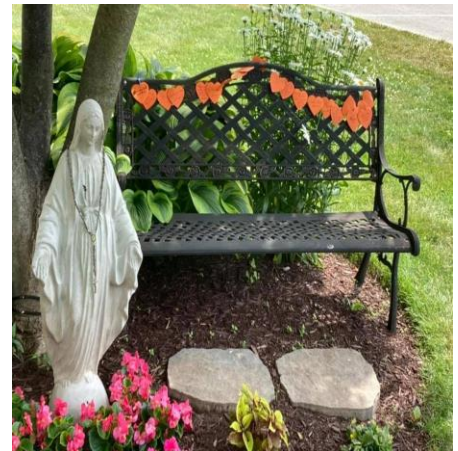
Carlo and Lucia Vacca with Paul and Mary Tuccitto gathered for reflection and prayer.



Rick and Lorraine LaCroix drumming on September 30th.



St. Catharines' Diocese arranged a walk of education and prayer ending with the Rosary led by Deedee Alexendre, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair



Star of the Sea in St. Catharines held a Mass for Indigenous Children. Messages were written on orange hearts and hung in Mary's Garden.

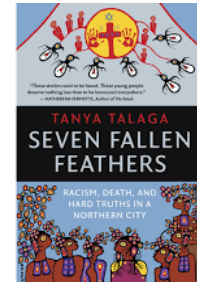
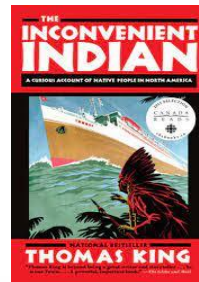
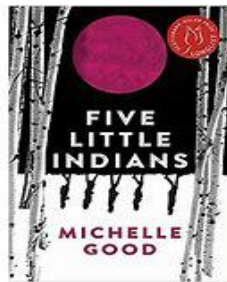
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HIGHLIGHTS

On National Truth and Reconciliation Day, a group from Peterborough gathered to pray, light candles, meditate and sing as the orange ribbons fluttered in the wind.



Book Recommendations



Please let us know if you have any book recommendations you would like to share.



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us. May your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Pray that **God will give us the courage, the boldness, and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations.**