



**Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Community Life Standing Committee**
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To: Diocesan Community Life Chairpersons
From: Karen McDonald, Provincial 2nd Vice-President/Community Life Chairperson
cc: Provincial Executive, Diocesan Presidents, National Community Life
Chairperson, Provincial Community Life Sub-Committee

*"With emotion we remember him as such a noble, such a gentle person...
And we feel so much gratitude in our hearts: gratitude to God for having given him to the church and
to the world; gratitude to him, for all the good he accomplished,
particularly for his witness of faith and prayer, especially in these last years of his retired life."*

(Tribute to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI by Pope Francis – Dec.31, 2022)

National Community Life Chairperson Faith Anderson used this quotation in her January 11, 2023 communiqué (<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/20230111-Community-Life-Communique-14.pdf>). Let us keep the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in our prayers as well as continuing to pray for Pope Francis.

Domestic Violence Webinar (Saturday, February 11, 2023)

In Communiqué #14, Faith provided the following information on domestic violence. *"In a Statistics Canada report entitled Spousal violence in Canada, 2019, previous research conducted by the Public Health Agency of Canada is summarized as follows. "Violence in the context of an intimate partner or spousal relationship can have immediate and long-term adverse physical and psychological consequences for victims, and children who are exposed to such violence have higher rates of violent victimization later in life. Further, in addition to individual impacts, there is a public cost of such violence for communities and society as a whole as health care, social support and legal systems must respond."*

The League will be hosting a **webinar** titled, "**WE Can Do Better! Domestic Violence in Canada**" ... and it is open to everyone.

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST (** starting at noon in Ontario)

Nominal Cost: \$5.00 per registrant (proceeds donated to Willow Place)

Here is the link to access a **poster** with complete details: <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/20230111-Encl-Poster-for-Domestic-Violence-Webinar-Final.pdf>

Working Towards Freedom: Human Trafficking Study Guide

Faith Anderson referred to this study guide in her Communiqué #13 (<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/20221208-Community-Life-Communique-13-final.pdf>) after it was introduced during a webinar on human trafficking held in November 2022. The study guide follows the **See, Learn, Pray, Act** model and is found using this link: <https://rcav.org/aht/study-guide>.

Faith provided these additional links for members to learn more about this topic:

- Salt + Light Media video entitled, ***Unbound: A Conversation Against Human Trafficking*** (link is: <https://slmedia.org/blog/unbound-a-conversation-against-human-trafficking>).
- The Catholic Register (November 20, 2022) published an excellent article on the guide. View it at <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/34973-guide-brings-traffickingawareness-to-pews>

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (D&P)

Also in her December 8, 2022 communiqué, Faith stated, *'Since 1967, many League members have heeded the call "to witness to the love of God through ministry and service" by supporting D&P. The joint 1% Program is built on the two organizations' shared principles. Women who are members of both organizations know that D&P's work rests on faith, service and social justice, the very pillars of the League. As the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic church, D&P is guided by Catholic social teaching. ... In its 55th anniversary year, D&P invites League members to join its movement. More than 11,000 D&P members live their faith through solidarity with less fortunate persons in the Global South. It is a community of Canadian Catholics that care about global justice, humanitarianism and development. A **lifetime membership costs only \$10.00** and is free for persons under 35.'*

Are You a Member of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada? As CWL members, we are being asked to **Join the Movement!** ... will you?



National Ribbon Skirt Day

January 4, 2023 was the first National Ribbon Skirt Day held in Canada. Bill S-219, *An Act respecting a National Ribbon Skirt Day*, received Royal Assent on December 15, 2022. It *"designates the 4th day of January in each and every year as 'National Ribbon Skirt Day'."* Councils and members are asked to mark their calendars for January 4th to highlight this initiative each year.

Happy New Year to all members and spiritual advisors!

Karen