

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14).

Pope Francis, 'Spes non confundit', Section 25

Dignity of the human person is one of the Catholic Social Teachings. "A just society can become a reality only when it is based on the respect of the transcendent dignity of the human person." Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, No. 132

Organizations Promoting Human Dignity: Social justice issues such as poverty, homelessness, violence, abuse, systemic racism, intergenerational trauma, etc., prevent individuals from reaching their full potential. Addressing the root causes creates a more just society so that everyone has their basic rights to thrive. Supporting organizations below and others will help them achieve their mandate to assist those in need.

- Aid to Church in Need (ACN) support the persecuted and oppressed.
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) work with the poor in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.
- Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) work to relieve the suffering of the poor in developing countries worldwide.
- Development and Peace-Caritas Canada support partners in the Global South on unjust social, political and economic structures.
- IWIN (I'm Worth It Now) work with human trafficking survivors and investigators.
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides shelter, financial assistance and related programs to address poverty
- Diocesan Charities and Social Services: Support League voluntary funds and organizations (shelters, food banks, family services, etc.).



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League Resolutions

- 2024.03 Grant the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise Legal Authority to Investigate Environmental and Human Rights Abuses
- 2024.02 National Universal Pharmacare Program to Include Coverage for Drugs Prescribed for Mental Illness
- 2024.01 Increase Supported Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness with Mental Health and Mental Illness Issues
- 2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste
- 2019.01 Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying
- 2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders
- 2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service
- 2015.01 Increased Early Access and Intervention to Children and Youth Mental Health Services
- 2014.05 Old Age Security Allowance for Individuals 60 to 64 Years of Age Regardless of Marital Status

Upcoming Social Justice Events

- June 04: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- June 05: World Environment Day
- June 12: World Day Against Child Labour
- June 20: World Refugee Day
- June 23: United Nations Public Service Day
- June 26: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
International Day in Support of Victims of Torture