

Faith and Dignity of all Persons

'If we are to share our lives with others and generously give of ourselves, we also have to realize that every person is worthy of our giving. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.'

Pope Francis: Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel

The connection between faith and the dignity of all persons is a powerful one, with religious principles often serving as a foundation for promoting human rights, ethical behaviour, and a more just and compassionate world.

The principle of human dignity is the foundation of all the Catholic social teaching principles. The Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

As women of the Catholic Women's League of Canada our faith is rooted in the Catholic teachings of the church and reflected in our League Objects. Our League emphasizes the inherent dignity of all people as a core principle.

We believe that every life is sacred from conception to natural death, and everyone has inherent dignity as a child of God.

This commitment is reflected in our mission, which includes protecting the sanctity of life, recognizing human dignity, promoting the common good, protecting human rights and advocating for social justice and peace.





Pope Leo XIV, at his first Mass at the Vatican stated, "A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society."

Human dignity supports psychological well-being. Feeling valued and respected is essential for a person's mental and emotional health. It encourages peace and cooperation, it protects fundamental human rights and provides the moral basis for ensuring that people are not subjected to degrading treatment, discrimination, or oppression.

As women of deep faith, we have a moral obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and that we acknowledge their humanity through mutual respect, empathy, and understanding.

In this Jubilee of Hope, let us pray for the grace of spiritual renewal and transformation. May those most in need of being recognized as beloved human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, receive the respect and regard they deserve.

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Interested in more information on faith and the Dignity of all Persons



- The Catholic Women's League of Canada has manual #632, Life and Dignity of the Human Person. The document is filled with resources addressing this fundamental principle and offers members an opportunity to expand their knowledge of Catholic social teaching. <https://www.cwl.ca/manuals>.
- Dignitas Infinita (Infinite Dignity) is a 2024 declaration on Catholic doctrine that outlines the importance of human dignity. https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dof_doc_20240402_dignitas-infinita_en.html