

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Communiqué # 4

Inspired by the Spirit...Women Respond to God's Call

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To:	Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life
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Greetings:

Good News! My neighbor tells me her tulips are starting to peak through the earth. Spring is on its way!

Dignity of Life – We have been reminded and undoubtedly we need God's intervention to stop abortions from taking place. It is suggested that we could pray the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the unborn asking her son to obtain an end to abortions.

Please take note of the following:

March for Life – Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Noon – Legislative Bldg. – Edmonton
Theme this year "Amber Alert: Generations Missing"

For those of you who will not be able to participate should you wish to donate to the March, please send your donations to The Alberta March for Life Association, P.O. Box 4004, Edmonton, AB T6E 4S8.

Pro-Life Hike for Life – Saturday, May 12, 2018 – Prince Island Park – Calgary 8:30 am-Noon.
Some of our Calgary Diocesan CWL members actively participate through pledge cards. Should you wish to make pledge for a CWL member contact Calgary Diocesan CWL or send a donation to: Calgary Pro-Life Association, 311-4014 Macleod Tr. S., Calgary, AB T2G 2R7.

Some information from our National chairperson of Christian Family Life – spring memo

National Week for Life and Family, May 13-20, 2018. The theme is *Love: Encountering the Other*. Materials prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family in consultation with the CCCB are available at www.CCCB.ca and may be freely downloaded and reproduced.

World Meeting of Families, August 21-26, 2018. A series of seven catechises on the family is available at laityfamilylife.va or at its YouTube channel, PcFamiglia. The World Meeting of Families website also offers resources including the "Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!" program which includes six sessions of parish conversations for reflecting and sharing experiences of family life available at worldmeeting2018.ie.

The Petition Of One Million initiative, to gather one million plus signatures for presentation to the federal government in 2019 was started by Alliance For Life Ontario and is asking the federal government to enact legislation granting full legal protection to the unborn child from the beginning of its biological development as a human being – the same protection granted to any other human being. In 1975 a similar petition was held with reports showing the League was very instrumental in helping to collect 1,027,425 signatures. Unfortunately, four million children have been killed by abortion since 1969, but they can be recognized by every signature that is collected. Visit petitionofonemillion.ca to download and print the signature page. Collect as many signatures as possible and send them to the address at the bottom of the petition.

World Youth Day, January 21-28, 2019 in Panama. The CCCB selected two young Canadian adults as delegates to attend the pre-synod meeting of youth, in preparation for the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, October 3-28, 2018. Please keep Emilie Callan, Cornwall, Ontario and Jacob Jason Genaille-Dustyhorn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in your prayers as they will represent Canadian youth.

Youth In January councils were made aware that WUCWO was giving an opportunity for a youth to attend the WUCWO General Assembly in Dakar October 15-22, 2018. A list of criteria, expenses WUCWO would pay and a registration form were made available. A committee of CWL members will choose a successful candidate and pass her name on to Velma Harasen. Velma will then forward the name to the WUCWO Secretariat. Deadline for registration was March 30 so we have yet to hear the name of the lucky winner.

Medically Assisted Death in Alberta`` An article published in the Calgary Herald February 3, 2018.
Source: Alberta Health Services, Statistics Canada.

- 274 Deaths performed in Alberta, as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- 105 Deaths performed in the Edmonton region, as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- 95 Deaths performed in the Calgary region, as of Dec. 31, 2017.

There were additional statistics listed. Interesting to note was 50.1 percentage of patients receiving a medically assisted death were women, between January and June, 2017.

If you are interested in the other statistics you should be able to access the article online or I would be happy to send you a copy of the article upon request.

The new DVD Fatal Flaws and pamphlets are now available for purchase from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition .

Until next time, many blessings!

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