



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



**Christian Family Life Chair
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TO: Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairpersons, Diocesan Presidents
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Christian Family Life (for information)
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Greetings Sisters,

Our Christian values are under attack, and we need to take notice and fight back!

- Divorce rates are high
- Abortions are happening at an increasingly rapid rate
- Euthanasia, and Medical Assistance in Dying, is becoming the "Norm".
- In the Province of Quebec, Bill 21 – the banning of wearing of religious symbols for teachers, police officers and public servants in the positions of authority was pushed through in June 2019.
- Attending the Holy Mass, praying and reading our bibles has taken a back seat to sports events, "sleeping-in" or any other excuse one can find.

Yes, we as Christian people can make a difference. Having God as our number one priority in our life, leads to many good things.

In John 15:5, God tells us: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Keeping the words of our Lord in mind, let us be aware of what is happening around us, pray and take action.

Alberta March for Life – May 14th, 2020 – stay informed or register for the March at: <https://albertamarchforlife.com/>. We look forward to seeing many of our sisters at the March with their Pro-Life Banners.

The Pro-Life (Controversial) Movie "**Unplanned**" was well received in the Province of Alberta. It can be purchased through Amazon or at Universal

Church Supplies. On October 24th, Rebecca Kiessling, a pro-life activist will be at the Chateau Louis in Edmonton, to talk about her journey to find her biological mother who conceived Rebecca after being raped.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition - <https://www.epcc.ca/> Stay in tune with what is happening. You may request your Councils purchase the documentaries **Fatal Flaws** and **Euthanasia Deception** to share with your membership.

At the 2019 National Convention the following resolution was passed:
2019.01 Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, whereby the Catholic Women's League of Canada urges the federal government to honour its legal commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by providing legal protection to children before birth. Further information will be in your Fall League Magazine.

With the Federal Elections coming up on October 21st, please research your candidate's stance on pertinent issues such as abortion, medical assisted deaths, health, education etc.

Listed are a few publications that may help us make those difficult decisions.

https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-ro_etc.om/5143-voting-as-catholics-2019-federal-election-guide

<https://www.theinterim.com>

Regardless of the choices we make, it is our Christian responsibility to vote on Election Day.

In 1 Corinthians 10:31 we are told, "whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Your sister in Christ

Celine