

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

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

**Communiqué # 3**

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



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To:	Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life
CC:	Provincial Executive (for information) National Chairperson of Christian Family Life (for information)
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Happy New Year!

“Enthusiasm”-- Can you not feel this wonderful emotion? The dictionary defines the word enthusiasm as ‘great enjoyment and interest’. What a way to start a new year, with great enjoyment and interest! Enjoyment and interest in our on-going work for God and Canada.

As we roll up our sleeves with a huge smile on our faces we are ready to serve with great joy. Now I ask, how are you doing with the challenge I put forth in my last communiqué? Remember – I challenged you to access the list of resolutions still in need of action, pick one or two of the resolutions and follow up on the member action plans. To all chairpersons of the Christian Family Life Committees – was this promoted among your members? How is it going?

When contemplating this communiqué, I took the time to look at the national CWL website and found some good workshops that councils may consider for a meeting. A workshop based on World Peace: a family recipe! (Canadian Catholic Organization for Life and Family, September 2005) Prepared by: Cecile Miller and Gabriele Kalincak. At that time, Cecile was the National Christian Family Life Chairperson and Gabriele was the Provincial President of the Military Ordinariate. There is a very good handout called Seeds for Peace.

This brings to mind as well, the message from His Holiness Pope Francis for the celebration of the 51<sup>st</sup> World Day of Peace January 1, 2018. Please consider reading the Pope’s message “Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace”.

Two other workshops you may consider are on Euthanasia. We all know what is happening in our country in regard to Euthanasia and our focus turns strongly to lobbying for better palliative care for all peoples. The evaluations from our CWL members at the last provincial convention stated loudly and clearly that we need to continue our work in this regard. The workshops on Euthanasia give us food for thought and open discussions on how we can best approach our fight against Euthanasia. #809 Euthanasia and #825 Workshop on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. Access Resources on the national CWL website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) and click on the 800 Series Workshops. The workshops are available for download.

Please consider keeping up with the latest news from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition website: [info@epcc.ca](mailto:info@epcc.ca) . The video Euthanasia Deception was well received and shown in many of the Calgary churches. The new video called Fatal Flaws is in production and should be out soon.

As one member who is filled with ideas but certainly needing help from my family of sisters in The Catholic Women's League, I appeal to you to send me some of your ideas and most importantly, your successes in how your council has administered to the youth, disabled, seniors, single, widowed, separated, divorced. How have you promoted Marriage and Family and Sanctity of Life? What are your plans for 2018 in any of the above categories? Are you sponsoring a seminarian? Tell us a little about him. Please share! It would be great to put some of your information in some of my future communiqués

May you all be blessed with great en"joy"ment and interest in all that you do!