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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

Community Life Communique

To: Community Life Standing Committee Chairs
From: June E. F.,
Provincial Community Life Standing Committee Chair
Date: November 14, 2012

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all councils for the great work that they have done under this standing committee. Members have focused on issues involving poverty, homelessness; human trafficking, development and peace, refugees and family violence just to name a few. Your continued work on these issues is of the utmost importance and we must keep vigilant in keeping our members informed of what is happening in these areas.

Resolution:

I would like to ask each Community Life Chairperson to study Resolution 2012.01 "Criminalization of the Purchasing of Sexual Services" that was passed at the 2012 CWL National Convention in August. The information on this resolution can be found on the CWL National web site at www.cwl.ca.

Development and Peace:

The Gospel Call to Solidarity with the Poor in the World: Our Moral Imperative to Greater Involvement in D&P. Do you want to know more about Catholic Social Teaching? Do you want to know more about what D&P does and why it is so important? The Diocesan D&P is hosting a full day workshop on "God's Call to Each One of Us to Greater Solidarity with the Poor in the World". This workshop will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Anthony's Parish (5340-4 Street S.W. Calgary) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register or for more information call Dave D. at (403) 241-2634 or email dwdelain@shaw.ca

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). On Wednesday, November 28th, 2012 the D&P council of the Edmonton Archdiocese invites you to rejoice with them in their annual Christmas Gathering and Open House. The event will be held at the D&P office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will be an evening of fellowship and celebration of the wonderful efforts and initiatives of the Development and Peace members and a good opportunity for those who would like to know more about the work and people of D&P.

If you are interested in helping to build a world of justice, begin by becoming a member of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) for just \$5.00/year. Councils can apply for memberships and personal memberships are also welcomed. For more information, visit their website at www.devop.org or telephone (800) 494-1401 for information on how to become a member.

Human Trafficking:

Recently the RCMP established a Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre (HTNCC) within the Immigration and Passport branch at their Headquarters in Ottawa. To read more information and updates about human trafficking please go to www.rcmp.gc.ca and then use the search tool to find “Human Trafficking” articles that can be viewed on this topic.

The International Day of the Child:

In the spirit of ecumenical support, on Tuesday, November 20th, 2012 from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. there will be a rally for the approximately 70,000 Alberta children living in poverty. The event will be held on the steps of the Alberta Legislative Building at 107 Street and 97 Avenue in Edmonton and will feature speakers, music, and more. This is organized by the Wellbeing Initiative, which is a project of the United Women’s League. For more information go to www.childwellbeingalberta.org.

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