

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

COMMUNITY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE

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Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins December 8, 2015 with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and ends November 20, 2016.

We have been encouraged to perform corporal works of mercy by concentrating on the marginalized, homeless, poor, and those in need.

Our National Community Life Chair, Doreen G., asks all CWL parish councils to review the resolutions from this standing committee and see what actions are being called for. Please keep track of the good works and include them in the 2015 annual reports. Doreen advises that these will be compiled and may be forwarded to Pope Francis at the end of 2016. Resolutions may be accessed on the national CWL website: <http://cwl.ca/resolutions>.

REFUGEES

Pope Francis has declared January 17, 2016 as the next World Day of Migrants and Refugees. CWL members and councils wishing to take an active role in sponsoring refugees may contact Felisa Ponce, refugee resettlement project worker for Catholic Crosscultural Services at (877) 290-1701 or email: fponce@rstp.ca.

The Pastoral Letter on Welcoming Refugees, "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me," was released by the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). It aims at making Canadian Catholics more aware of the refugee situation, and challenges them to make a difference in the lives of refugees through prayer, support, and the sponsorship of families. The document is available from CCCC Publications www.cccbpublications.ca. Link to the Pastoral Letter (PDF) <www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral_Letter_Refugees.pdf>.

Those councils who are not able to sponsor a refugee family, may consider donating funds to a council or parish community that is in the sponsorship process. It is very important to compile the number of refugees sponsored by members/councils. You may email this information to your diocesan community life chair or to abmkprovcomlife@gmail.com and the list will be forwarded to the national community life committee chair.

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All provincial councils were asked to submit a list of actions taken on human trafficking. Our Alberta Mackenzie CWL president responded to the questionnaire. Because the report is quite lengthy, it is not included in this communiqué. However, should you be interested in receiving a copy, email abmkprovcomlife@gmail.com and your request will be fulfilled.

LAUDATO SI' - A Canadian Response

For your information there is an excellent video on the National CWL website that describes the entire focus of Laudato Si' (Pope Francis's encyclical on our common home).

During our Advent journey let us be joyful in hope and faithful in prayer. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Counsel in our works of mercy.