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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

RESOLUTIONS

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

TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Resolutions
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)

FROM: Sharon Malec - Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions

Christmas is coming fast!

The following concern was sent to me by the Calgary Diocesan Education & Health Standing Chair. This is a great resolution to work on.

Religious Christmas Postage Stamps

Prior to 2003 Canada Post had always issued a featured stamp at Christmas relating to Christ's birth.

In 2003 it was proposed that this special stamp edition was no longer being purchased enough to continue with a religious themed stamp.

In 2005 the CWL Provincial Council of BC & Yukon submitted a resolution to the 85th National Convention of CWL to urge Canada Post to continue to include a Nativity related theme in its future Christmas issues. In turn the resolution was passed, and the National Executive successfully lobbied our federal government that Canada Post issue a Nativity themed stamp each Christmas Season.

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The 2017 issue of Nativity themed stamps are now available for this Christmas Season's mailings. Madonna and Child.

I urge you all to specifically ask for the Religious themed stamp when purchasing postage. Do not just ask for the "Christmas Stamp" as there are other non-religious themed Christmas stamps. If they don't have them, then go to another outlet until you find one that does or order the stamps online! Postal staff may try

to convince you that these are all there are for Christmas. It merely means, the staff is uninformed, or they have neglected to order the Christian themed stamp. The more requests for the stamp, the greater the chances postal outlets will continue to order in the future.

Buy your year's supply of stamps as these stamps can be used all year.

As members of Catholic Women's League, we should be fully supporting this issue of stamps each year to ensure they will continue to be produced. Even more importantly, to enforce the true meaning of the Christmas Season, i.e. **Keep Christ in Christmas!!**

Our society is becoming increasingly secular. We are very fortunate that the National Executive of 2005 were able to present a strong message to government that compelled them to act in continuing to issue a Nativity themed stamp each year.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas!
Peace and Prayers

Sharon