



Nova Scotia Provincial Council

Catholic Women's League of Canada

Christian Family Life Communique # 1

**One Heart, One Voice, One Mission
(Together We Serve)**

To: Diocesan Counterparts (***For distribution to all parish councils***)
From: Theresa Duann, Nova Scotia Provincial Christian Family Life Chairperson
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Copied: Provincial President, Peggy MacNeil and Executive (for information)
National Chairperson, Doreen Gowan (for information)

As the 2016-2018 Chairperson of Christian Family Life, I wish to pass on a bit of my history with the League. I have served the League for 37 years as a member of St. Thomas More Council in Dartmouth. I was Council President, Diocesan President and have served six years on the Provincial level. I received the honour of becoming a Life Member in 2014. Living the life of a Christian family is not easy in this time. The family is the basic social unit around which everything revolves. As the family goes, so does society. If you destroy the family, you will destroy civilization. A strong wholesome family is the strength of society. Here is where we build Christian character, and teach sound values within the privacy of the home. Here is where love begins, kindness is shown and loyalty displayed.

Christian Family Life covers the following ministries:

Ministry to Seniors

National Seniors Day is October 1

Ministry to Marriage and Family

COLF- Catholic Organization for Life and Family co-founded and sponsored by the CCCB and The Knights of Columbus. Their mission statement is contained in Doreen Gowans Communique #1 plus how to obtain information and pamphlets.

Ministry to Youth

This should be a priority in our parishes. I know many CWL members are part of this ministry. The final year students should be encouraged to be part of the working church. Invite them to take part in various church activities, fall fair, lunches, and celebrations. Sponsor a surprise treat for one of their classes. Contribute to one of their special programs. Support fund raising activities. The last year as a student (literally) may be the last year as part of the church family.

Other ministries are:

Ministry to Disabled

Ministry to Widowed, Separated, Divorced

Vocations

FYI:

An IPSOS Poll. Medically-Assisted Dying Poll conducted exclusively for Global News found 85% want advance consent for assisted death. By the end of June, Nova Scotia had 7 requests for assisted death and 4 were to continue through the process.

Our collection at the National Convention realized \$1,715.52 which was donated to Hospice Halifax 618 Francklyn Street Halifax's South End. Quote from thank you. We are getting ever-closer to building Nova Scotia's "first residential hospice". The N.S. Hospice Palliative Care Association is the provincial body for:

Hospice and Palliative Care in N.S., PO Box 103 Lakeside N.S. B3T 1M6. E-mail: info@nshpca.ca or check the website at <http://nshpca.ca>

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Seek every day to do "small things with great love" St. Teresa of Calcutta.