



Nova Scotia Provincial Council

Catholic Women's League of Canada

Christian Family Life Communiqué 5

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

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

Welcome to all the newly elected **Christian Family Life** chairs. This is a busy committee as it touches almost every aspect of Parish life. Ask for help if needed.

Separated and Divorced

Doreen Gowans report in the winter magazine states "You have a place among us." To quote from the article "The church community steps up to support a woman and her family when she loses a spouse through death. Yet, when a marriage fails and a woman finds herself separated or divorced, how can the community of the faithful provide support? Check out this article as it gives an insight into the problems facing a divorced or separated woman.

Youth

WUCWO is giving our youth the help to attend The WUCWO General Assembly in Dakar, Senegal October 15-22th 2018. They are offering 1/2 the cost of airfare, along with expenses of accommodations, food and participation expenses in the Assembly and all activities involved. Please pass information on to youth groups in your parishes. More info on website.

When it comes to the well-being of the child UNICEF ranks Canada at 25th among the 41 most developed Nations. In November, youth delegates from all over Canada met in Ottawa to draft a Canadian Children's Charter. The two delegates from Nova Scotia were Callum Lovelace, Hammonds Plains and Liza Ells, Antigonish.

The charter they worked out calls on governments and communities to put in place a process for meaningful input and investment in matters of concern to them.

The Charter declares:

Children's rights to health and health care, mental health services, support for substance abuse, end to discrimination and exclusion, as well as support to curb bullying, violence and abuse of all kinds. Children want a stable and sustainable future. Signatories of the 1989 Convention of the Rights of the Child were expected to report every 5 years. Canada hasn't reported since 2009 but will report in June 2018 Check out this report in June because now: 1 in 5 children live in poverty, climbs to 1 in 4 among First Nation children. More than a million Canadian kids go to school hungry every day. One of 7 homeless Canadians is a child and too many kids die from preventable or inflicted injuries.

Summer Jobs Program:

The Liberal party is standing firm on its decision to deny grants to groups advocating against abortion. I am posting a statement from Archbishop Mancini which clearly outlines to the Faithful his thoughts on this matter. Also read the CCCB statement.

Statement of: Canada Summer Jobs Program



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....from the office of the Archbishop

January 24, 2018

In the past few days there has been growing criticism by many individuals and clear opposition from Christian, non-Christian and non-profit organizations, who have been affected by the new policies of the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

As Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, I want to express to our Catholic faithful, my view that the Government's policy on this matter is contrary to our rights as equal citizens of this country and no political party can impose its ideology on any one of us. The bishops of Canada are well aware of this imposition which contradicts Canadian citizens' charter of rights to freedom of religion, conscience and speech. This policy, requiring a test of loyalty to the Liberal party's politically correct perspective on what constitutes core Canadian values is totally unacceptable.

Our members of Parliament are elected to represent the views of their constituents, not impose the views of their party platform. If you disagree with the policy driving the Canada Summer Jobs program, let your MP know and let the Prime Minister know as well.

For your additional information, I am providing below a listing of some Canadian media reports, including the statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, on this issue which you may find of interest.

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