



## **The Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

### **Community Life**

***One Heart, One Voice, One Mission***

#### **Directive #2**

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**To:** Parish Council Community Life Standing Committee Chairpersons  
**From:** Liz Horton, Diocesan Community Life Standing Committee Chairperson  
**CC:** Provincial Community Life Standing Cttee. Chairperson, Parish Council Presidents

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**Attachments:**   **#1: CCCB Refugee Letter**  
                          **#2: Pastoral Letter Welcoming Refugees**  
                          **#3: Refugee Application**

Mary, the Mother of God, teaches us to make the resolution to live each moment of 2016, for Her Son, in this year of Mercy.

#### **Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship**

National Committee Chair, Doreen Gowans, has requested information on the number of parishes who are sponsoring refugees, and also parishes in the process of doing so. Please send your information to Wilma Vanderzwaag, Provincial Chair, so that she can send completed reports to the Province of Ontario. You should read the Pastoral letter put out by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops entitled "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*" We should be moved, even disturbed by our brothers and sisters who are refugees.

#### **Dignity and Rights of Persons**

"Feathers of Hope" – we are asked to partner with the group of First Nation Youth to create safer, healthier communities for the remote North. After we have witnessed what happened at La Loche, Saskatchewan, let us send letters to the government. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that he would not forget the First Nation's needs.

#### **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)**

This Canadian Catholic Organization is most times referred to as only "Development and Peace". I attended one of their workshops, and the leaders of D & P teach the locals in the "Global South" so many trades for self-sufficiency. When you donate to "Share Lent Campaign", you are helping so many souls to gain a better life. The material needed to place in your parish for "Share Lent" is obtained at [www.devp.org/en/sharelent/order](http://www.devp.org/en/sharelent/order).

#### **Developing Countries**

Another good cause to remember in your donations is "Velma's Dream". There is still 20% needed to achieve the goal for this charity.

Respectfully submitted.