



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

### **Community Life**

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

#### **Directive #4**

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**To:** Parish Council Community Life Chair

**From:** Liz Horton, Diocesan Community Life Chair

**CC:** Diocesan Executive, Provincial Community Life Chair

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***When you are praying, ask for courage to give until it hurts.***

[Mother Teresa]

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

Read the League's position on euthanasia and assisted suicide, because of the disturbing news that GLOBAL TV will be airing "Mary Kills People", glamorizing assisted suicide as a booming business. This six-part series starts Jan. 25, 2017. Also, read "Feathers of Hope" to better understand the struggles of the First Nation youth.

#### **Social and Economic Justice**

Honourary member, Betty Anne Brown Davidson, has asked that we try to make quilts to commemorate the League's centenary in 2020. Knitted, sewn or crocheted – they want 100. It would be nice if 45 were made in Kingston Diocese. These will be distributed to palliative and hospice care centres. Read about it in the Fall 2016 issue of the League magazine.

To celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Provincial wants us to come up with 150 ideas for acts of charity, e.g., donate to St. Vincent de Paul, visit the shut-ins, help at soup kitchens, etc.

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

Write to the Prime Minister, the minister of immigration and your member of parliament, urging them to amend the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* so that foreign workers may apply for permanent resident status regardless of occupational classification.

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

It would be good if every parish had the material to distribute in their church for Development and Peace. You can obtain this at national office. There is still plenty of time as Lent starts March 1, 2017. The 1% program is explained here.

## **Developing Countries**

Velma's Dream is now a National Voluntary Fund founded by Velma Harasen, one of our past National presidents. This fund helps a Shepherd's field hospital and a youth project, Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Consider her dream in your donations.

Respectfully submitted.