



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

## **Christian Family Life**

### ***Care for our Common Home***

#### **Directive #1**

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**Date:** November 2, 2019

**To:** Parish Council Christian Family Life Committee Members

**From:** Angela Town, Diocesan Christian Family Life Committee Chairperson

**CC:** Diocesan Executive, Provincial Christian Family Life Committee Chairperson

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**Attachments:** "livelaudautoSI.org -- TAKE THE PLEDGE";  
"PETITION OF ONE MILLION"

***"Language...has created the word "loneliness" to express the pain of being alone. And it has created the word "solitude" to express the glory of being alone" - Paul Johannes Tillich***

## **INTRODUCTION**

In this my first directive, I would like to introduce myself to all of you working diligently at the Parish level to promote The Catholic Women's League of Canada and the duties of the Christian Family Life standing committee. I have been a member since 2008 and have fulfilled various roles at the level including communications, secretary, organization, president elect, president and historian. I was elected to the diocesan council in May and was gifted the Christian Family Life standing committee by our Diocesan president.

## **THEME**

The national theme is *Care for Our Common Home*. Our Provincial President has added to this the topic of *loneliness*.

## **LAUDATO SI' PLEDGE**

Laudato Si' is Pope Francis' historic encyclical on care for creation and our common home. It challenges us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" through ecological conversion, changes in lifestyle and society, and strong political action.

The Laudato Si' Pledge is a worldwide campaign by the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) and its member organizations to raise awareness of the Laudato Si' message and to encourage the Catholic community to take action with the urgency required by the climate crisis.

Consider holding a workshop for families to review the questions in the attachment to this directive. Have families sign the pledge, to receive resources on how to #LiveLaudatoSi and to connect to a global movement coming together to care for our common home and provide it in a format for them to visibly display in their home.

### **PETITION FOR ONE MILLION:**

<http://petitionofonemillion.ca/sign-petition/>

If your councils have not yet conducted a blitz to obtain signatures for this most important of petitions, please encourage them to do so.

***This work should be conducted quickly as the petition will be presented to government on the International Day of Human Rights; that is, Tuesday December 10, 2019.***

The petition can be downloaded from the website above in both English and French. The address to return petitions to is also on the site.

Respectfully submitted