



## **Kingston Diocesan Council Community Life – Directive #3**

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

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**To:** Parish Council Community Life Chairpersons

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*Your heart is beating with God's love; open it to others. He has entrusted you with gifts and talents; use them for His service. He goes before you each step of the way; walk in faith. Take courage. Step out into the unknown with the One who knows all.*

*– Ellyn Sanna*

Dear Sisters in the League,

During this time of isolation, we need to find ways to combat the loneliness that creeps into our lives. One of our League sisters is actively playing her part to encourage others to live more fully in their faith. Liz Guiney is a full-time lay missionary with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and happens to be a CWL member at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Amherstview. CCO is an organization that focuses on bringing young people back to the church. Many Canadian university (and a few college) campuses have chapters of CCO. They invite young adults into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging them to be leaders for renewal in the world. Please pray for Liz and all lay missionaries working with CCO, that their efforts may be fruitful.

The League celebrated the first annual National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land on September 21st (also the International Day of Peace). With the current unrest in the Middle East and the devastation that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon, prayers for peace continue to be greatly needed. I encourage councils to include this prayer intention on a regular basis.

### **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and CCODP**

The following information is taken from the National Communique #16, written by Marie Rackley, National Chairperson of Community Life. "In late August, National President Anne-Marie Gorman received a letter from Most Rev. Richard Gagnon (Winnipeg), president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, informing that the League could reinstate its 1% Program for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP). Parish councils can now collect and submit 1% of all revenue earned to the national voluntary fund for CCODP."

On a local note, a virtual workshop outlining the fall campaign entitled "COVID 19 – Recovering together" will be held for the Kingston diocese on Saturday October 24, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The focus of the campaign is to learn about steps you can take to act in solidarity with those most impacted by COVID-19. A special collection will be taking place on November 15th for World Day of the Poor in some dioceses.

Donations may also be made through the development and peace website. Registration can be completed online through the following link :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrc-uprjIqE9w8B-Gg0oKITDm7oULyTWZI>

You can watch the campaign launch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7a6RYjvy0kg&feature=youtu.be>

Respectfully submitted.