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**Chairperson of Community Life**

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**From:** Karen Mulvihill, Diocesan Chairperson of Community Life

**CC:** Diocesan Executive, Provincial Chairpersons of Community Life

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**"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value." – Albert Einstein**

Dear Sisters in the League,

Over the past several months we have continued to educate ourselves around topics dealing with truth and reconciliation. Our National Chairperson of Community Life, Faith Anderson, stated in her recent communique "On September 30<sup>th</sup>, there was an opportunity to participate in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and wear an orange shirt to recognize and support the survivors of the former residential school system. ... We can each do our part in the reconciliation process and continue to keep current on the issue. Learn more about the commemorative Survivor's Flag and its meaningful symbolism, the Bentwood Box and much more on the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website at [nctr.ca](https://nctr.ca)." We are also approaching the end of Treaties Recognition Week (November 1-7, 2021). Resources for Treaties Recognition Week can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>. These two websites offer a multitude of articles, suggestions, and resources that can be shared in a monthly general meeting of CWL members. Please continue to read about, pray over, and share thoughts and ideas on these complex issues. Several councils in our diocese have held prayer services or offered masses for the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. I encourage you to continue these practices as we slowly navigate our way through this communal effort to restore dignity and equality to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. We should also recognize each of us may be at a different point on our personal journey of education, reflection, and action toward reconciliation. As a national community of Catholics, we can each play a role in collectively moving toward reconciliation.

Respectfully submitted.