

Objects of the League - a Spiritual Perspective

6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere.

John Paul II who always had a deep passion for the rights of the human person reminded us when he wrote *Mulieris Dignitatum* (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women) that we didn't create ourselves, but rather God did and saw 'it was good', that the human person has absolute value and is loved for him/herself. God loved both equally as he made each in His own image. One is fulfilled not from oneself but in the gift of self to others.

We are blessed to live where there is so much to be thankful for. It is hard to imagine living in the midst of abuse, violence, war, degradation and submission. And yet atrocities against the human person are evident in our own cities and towns. Put yourself in another country where war is a daily occurrence, where children are kidnapped, trafficked or sold, where prostitution and crime seem to be the only means of survival.

Again, in "Christ's Faithful People" John Paul II states. "The lay faithful must bear witness to those human and gospel values that are intimately connected with political activity itself, such as liberty and justice, solidarity, faithful and unselfish dedication for the good of all, a simple life-style, and a preferential love for the poor and the least."

Through our resolutions process, the League addresses injustices and advocates for change. Key issues are addressed at top levels of government; to be the hands, face, feet

this is the key. As a human race we need to stand in solidarity, to try and comprehend what is truly, humanly speaking, incomprehensible. Many examples may be found in the list of current resolutions.

We have ample opportunities through the community life standing committee as we address the dignity and rights of persons, social and economic justice, refugees, immigration and citizenship, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP), and developing countries. We have the tools we need!

Discuss:

- a) Discuss those injustices to the human person we see at home and abroad.
- b) What can we do better to promote the value and dignity of the human person?