



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Community Life Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council; Pearl Bradd and Madeleine Visser (subcommittee members)
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Directive #4

Educate, Engage, and Empower

#1) The Homeless:

A true story that happened in our diocese....a person was huddled under the vent at a bank, soaking in the warm moist air. Later that very cold night, he moved away not realizing his gloves and belly were wet from the moist warm air. A finger was lost due to frostbite, and skin on his belly was permanently damaged.

Please continue to think of ways to help the homeless in your areas this winter. From giving to food banks; gloves and mittens to shelters, there is so much we can do to help.

#2) Human Trafficking:

Farmtown Canada must raise \$25,000 to fund their project campaign. The 400/401/QEW series Highways will be blasted with two million “call to action” media ads VIA the ONroute screens July 2019 at 20 locations—creating community awareness about Human Trafficking. (*ordinarily this ad campaign would cost \$750,000*).

Rebecca McCarrell’s and my November directives gave information about Farmtown Canada and asked that you and your councils give to their #Project ONroute Corridor Campaign.

Rebecca sent out envelopes for every council to give \$25 or more toward the #OneNineNinetyNine Project. We can help by giving at least \$2,375 toward it with combined donations from councils and members across the diocese. If you have not planned the \$25 on your council budget, it can be a onetime motion. *Members who contribute will get tax receipts sent to them*.

Note that February 22nd is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Pope Francis is asking Catholics to pray for the homeless and victims of modern slavery. He urges us to stop and reflect on the thousands of men and women who live in situations “unworthy of human beings” including those who are homeless and those in modern slavery.

Happy and Blessed New Year to you all.

Mary Ann