

The Catholic Women's League of Canada London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Service Chairpersons

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Welcome back to all my League sisters and Happy Prosperous New Year 2024! I hope and pray everyone had a wonderful and joyful Christmas with your family and friends.

"Generous God, we left up to your mercy that poverty which is a moral and social wound upon our country's soul. In your goodness, help us to heal this wound by working to alleviate the suffering and pain of the poor". Amen.

Moving forward, with the full implementation of the new structure, the 3 Pillars. Faith Service and Social Justice, and the new theme; "*Here I am LORD send me*", in **service** to serve our parishes and community. To learn more National have manuals and workshops on the website. Homelessness updates, from different regions, I understand that councils has been doing good in supporting shelters/agencies in their area by donating clothing, goods and services by volunteering. Few councils invited speakers on housing awareness, health and wellness of unhoused people. I encourage councils to continue to support the unhoused especially in this cold season.

By now all the wonderful works by your council have been reported through the annual survey. These reports should be shared with your new and old members of what things have done by each council.

February 22, is Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada. Youth and children, migrants and new migrants, and homeless youth usually are the target. We need to be aware that Ontario has the 2nd highest rates of Human Trafficking.

Pope Francis 2024 prayer intentions

JANUARY - FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you and bless you. Lori Alexander