



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## Edmonton Diocesan Council

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Christian Family Life Standing Committee

Communiqué #2

Date: February 22, 2023

To: Parish Council Presidents  
Diocesan Officers  
Life Members

From: Margaret Korte, Diocesan Chairperson of Christian Family Life

Dear Sisters in the League,

As we begin the Lenten season, let us be reminded of the following words of St. John Paul II...

*"Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for all those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe."*

### **Ministry to Youth**

**Youth Summer Camp:** God is Good! The Archdiocese of Edmonton's **Our Lady of Victory Camp** will be re-opening this summer. After several years of first a renovation and then COVID, they are pleased to be relaunching Our Lady of Victory Camp in 2023. Registrations are open now, so please visit the Archdiocese of Edmonton website for more information and the link to register. For those that are interested in learning more about the Archdiocese's Camp Ministry and its history, you can listen to the podcast that aired a few weeks ago on "Upfront with the Archbishop" – Youth Camps: An Open Conversation.

### **Sanctity of Life**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The Spring Edmonton Campaign is from February 22 to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. You are invited to pray, fast and/or vigil for an end to abortion. Should you or your council wish to support by signing up for a prayer time outside of the Women's Health Options Clinic, please contact Edmonton ProLife at 780-425-1637; [info@edmontonprolife.org](mailto:info@edmontonprolife.org)

**March for Life Alberta Rally 2023:** Save the Date! This event is scheduled for Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 beginning with a Mass at 10:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith at the Basilica. Following the Mass, the march will begin at the Alberta Legislature. Please encourage the CWL Sisters in your council to participate to add strength to the numbers that support a culture of LIFE.

**Bill C-39:** At its first reading on February 2nd, Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) was delayed until March 17, 2024. CWL members are encouraged to continue to contact your Members of Parliament to voice your concerns for the MAID eligibility.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Korte