



*The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Edmonton Diocesan Council
Fall Meeting
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Wetaskiwin, AB
Community Life Report*



Madam President,

*I am very happy to be back to serve you, my sisters in the League for the next two years. I had the opportunity to attend the 99th National Convention in Calgary, which was overflowing with tons of information from the Strategic Planning progress report to the four break out session relating to "Our Common Home" with links to the topics at the Calgary website:
www.calgarycwl.ca/2019nationalconvention*

Dignity and Rights of Persons: We as an organization should be proud of what we do for others as we stand up for the less fortunate, are a voice to the Unborn, now may we exercise our right to vote next month. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the CCCB, has literature on "Voting as Catholics, 2019 Federal Election Guide." For those that are interested the information may be found on the CCCB web site: www.cccb.ca or I have a copy at my display you can read. Other topics on this web site included: information on Our Indigenous People, World Youth Day, Salt and Light and Development and Peace.

This past week the CCCB had their Annual Plenary Assembly - Development and Peace – Caritas Canada report was on their agenda. At this time we are still waiting to hear of the outcome.

The Refugee Bag Project has a new home! The ladies of St. Joseph's Basilica have taken on this initiative. Thank you very much Ladies. A very Special Thanks goes out to Rachele Pouliot and her team at St. Charles for their time and dedication for almost 10 years they spent collecting and preparing the numerous bags. The approximate totals have been 3,848 arrivals and 1,290 bags!

There is a request for items:

Toothbrushes, Tooth Paste, hand soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant: for men and for women, razors and shaving cream for men only.

Children's items such as: Colouring books pencil crayons, small stuffed animals and playing cards.

Current calenders and reuseable grocery bags are in need.

Thank you for your generosity.

The 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on 29 September 2019. The theme of Pope Francis' Message is "It is not just about migrants". In his Message, the Holy Father reminds us that "it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family.

Our National Chairperson of Community Life Marie Rackley, would like us to look for the article in the fall issue of The Canadian League magazine written by Life Member Dorothy Johansen on human trafficking in Canada.

There are Letters and Donation cards on the tables to support Catholic Social Services – "Sign of Hope."

For God and Canada, This concludes my report,

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