The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Edmonton Diocesan Council
Parish Remittance Form

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Make cheque payable to: "**CWL Edmonton Diocesan Council**"

2201	ALIES - Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (Backporch)	$	-
2203	Chrism Mass Fund Outside Edmonton - $30.00 Edm area - $20.00 plus squares	$	-
2205	Refugee Welcome Bags ($25.)	$	-
2207	Sign of Hope	$	-
	Total	$	-

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ALIES: Operates an outreach project called The Back Porch. It is a pregnancy resource center that offers information to women and men considering all of their pregnancy options.

Chrism Mass Reception: In 1978 CWL diocesan president Frances Cover asked councils to contribute to the Chrism Mass reception, which is held at St. Joseph's Basilica on the Monday evening of Holy Week. After the Fall 2025 Executive meeting, parish councils in Edmonton area donate $20.00 plus one pan of squares, and out-of-town councils donate $30.00 for the reception. Volunteers from councils in Edmonton help with setting up, serving, and clean up.

Refugee Welcome Bag Project: In the early 1990s, the Edmonton diocesan president was approached by Catholic Social Services (CSS) Refugee Sponsorship Program, to discuss possible help from CWL for government-sponsored refugees arriving in Edmonton through CSS. Virtually all refugees (those who must leave their home countries and therefore arrive in Canada with nothing) coming into northern Alberta go through this facility, so it serves refugees moving to many communities throughout the diocese and beyond. At a subsequent diocesan meeting, CWL members voted in favour of providing "welcome bags" for each refugee family, and thus began the CWL's Refugee Welcome Bag Project. A council was recruited to administer the project on behalf of all councils within the diocese; this council prepares and delivers the donations to CSS Reception House when advised of incoming refugees

Sign of Hope: A program run by Catholic Social Service, a Sign of Hope gives refugees the opportunity for a new beginning, for women and children the chance to escape violence and abuse, and resources and support for seniors, and so much more.