



**Nova Scotia Provincial Council**  
**Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Community Life Communiqué # 2**

**Inspired by the Holy Spirit  
Women Respond to his Call**

**To:** Diocesan Counterparts (*For distribution to all parish councils*)  
**From:** Nova Scotia Provincial Community Life Chairperson  
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Let's use the gifts that we have been given by the Holy Spirit to offer support and help those in need. The Holy Spirit lives within all of us and it is up to us to use these gifts for positive results. Haven't we all felt the power of the Holy Spirit stir within us and give us that feeling of confidence and support?

I would like to welcome Anne MacCormick as the new Antigonish Diocesan Community Life Chairperson. I would like to thank Janice MacDougall for her dedication as Community Life Chairperson for the Diocese of Antigonish for the last two years.

#### **Development and Peace**

Women at the Heart of Change. This program speaks to us, as sisters in the League, to show support for the projects that are being undertaken through Development and Peace. Check Development and Peace website, to see the projects that they are currently working on. Bring this information to a meeting. Inform members, suggest ways to help. Our donations and prayers are always welcomed.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association has been added to the National Voluntary Funds. CNEWA is the Holy Father's special agency serving the Middle East. The Catholic Women's League have partnered with this association to help Christians in the Holy Land. Further information can be found on the National website. Enter "CNEWA" in the search box. Inform your councils about these projects, send monetary help through our National Voluntary Funds, continue to pray for Christians in the Holy Land, that they may be able to continue to live in their native homeland and feel safe.

#### **Human Trafficking**

Please take the time to read Betty Colaneri's article in the Spring 2017 issue of the Canadian League, "Not For Sale", dealing with the topic of human trafficking. Canada has been identified as a transit and destination country for human smuggling. It is too easy for the vulnerable to be sucked into this trade. The Canadian Government has initiated programs to help organizations that provide support for the vulnerable. Nova Scotia has programs throughout the province to provide assistance to the victims.

More information can be found at [www.justice.gc.ca](http://www.justice.gc.ca).

## **Refugees**

Nova Scotia returned last year to levels of immigration reminiscent of the heydays of the inflow during the Second World War. The difference this time, though, is that the refugees entering Canada are fleeing due to war and destruction in their native land. Nova Scotians have been generous in accepting these families over the past 18 months. Our financial assistance, our support, and our ability to help the refugees navigate their way in a new life, are all gifts that we, as members of the Catholic Women's League, have generously offered to the Syrian families. As a note of interest, the Hadhad family are featured in the June issue of Readers Digest. "*Building Peace With Chocolate*" tells the story of this family and how they have started the next chapter in their lives.

## **Centenary Project**

A cozy project that has been done nationally by members is giving comfort to those in palliative care facilities and nursing homes. The Centenary Committee has asked members to make lap quilts to be donated to local agencies. I would like to see Nova Scotia continue this project after this year. To be able to give someone comfort by placing a blanket around them sends a message that *We Care!* There are many within our province that would love to have a quilt for comfort. Whether you sew, knit, or crochet, this gift will be treasured by the recipient. If you feel you are able to help, please take a photo of your finished project and send it to me. I would love to be able to patch the pictures together next year to show what can be accomplished provincially!

Please feel free to contact me with ideas or projects that your Council may be considering. I believe that we are an important piece in the world today, and we should always strive to help those in need and advocate for those who are unable to speak for themselves.

*May Our Lady of Good Counsel* bless you and may we be *Inspired By the Holy Spirit and Continue to Respond to God's Call*.