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ORAL REPORT
COMMUNITY LIFE

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada supports in many ways various organizations and causes throughout the country. As the Community Life Chair my world revolves around some very serious issues. These have been issues with a never-ending battle and as long as we keep the fight up others will know it's not OK.

I have my world here that represent Life and Death.

RED DRESSES: represent the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. You can see there are a few red and white dresses as it's not only the Indigenous women who are missing and murdered but they do out number other women by far greater numbers.

BROWN CASKETS: represent Palliative care and end of life care and how that life needs to be respected to its last breath. The caskets also represent those who choose Euthanasia and how WE believe that what God has given, only HE can take it away.

PINK FETUS: represent death as we continue to fight for the life of the unborn from conception. These also represent the 25,000 babies being born in Rohingya refugee camps these next coming weeks. These babies are being born because all of these women and girls were raped. These children are the product of evil men against defenseless and innocent women.

BLACK & PINK DRESSES: represent the darker side of life. The black dresses represent the women who live their life on the streets, a life of prostitution. The pink dresses represent the young innocent girls who are lured, kidnapped and forced into prostitution. Both are a sad situation to be in and need our support to find a way out and to prevent it from happening.

JOY SMITH FOUNDATION has an Education Documentary that was launched at the D-Division office headquarters in Winnipeg, then on Parliament Hill and at an Abused Women's Shelter in London. The documentary is called "Human Trafficking-Canada's Secret Shame".

This documentary is for a school program for the grades 8 to 12. It teaches parents, teachers and students how to recognize the signs of human trafficking and how predators work. There is another documentary being made in a more cartoon style for the grades 5 to 7.

Also available is a book written by Paul Boge called "THE TRUE STORY OF CANADIAN HUMAN TRAFFICKING". It tells the true story of Joy Smith's journey on Parliament Hill through the eyes of a survivor.