

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA



### MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

*Ignite Your Passion- Empower His Mission*

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**TO: DIOCESAN PRESIDENT to be forwarded to councils' parish presidents.**

**CC: PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (FOR INFORMATION)**

**FROM: Chris Carlyle**

Dear sisters;

As I complete my term as Social Justice Chair, I am grateful for what has been a productive and meaningful two years.

I strongly encourage members to consider a deeper involvement in CWL by joining the Manitoba Provincial Council Executive. It is a rewarding opportunity to grow in leadership, deepen your faith and collaborate with a dedicated group of inspiring women.

Since 2024, our efforts have addressed issues of human trafficking, palliative care, cybercrime, poverty, homelessness and food insecurity, MAiD, and several important federal initiatives and proposals for legislation. We have also had the privilege to engage with the Manitoba Provincial Government on two occasions to review and advance resolutions. Our work has been impactful!

Through our efforts, we have learned that social justice is about awareness and advocacy. We have participated in letter writing campaigns, petitions and outreach to elected officials in the community. Councils have continued to review new and past resolutions adopted at the National convention.

Resolution, 2025.03 – “Strengthen Support for Chaplains to Provide Faith-Based Care to Members and Families of the Canadian Armed Forces” was adopted August 2025. The action plan calls on all councils to contact their Member of Parliament on this issue. More information about this resolution can be found on the national website. I encourage you to stay informed and continue advocating on this important issue. Your voice matters and your efforts make a difference!

Looking ahead, there are many opportunities to continue social justice action:

- Participate in **Earth Day-April 22** by caring for God's creation... Plant a tree or Marian Garden
- Consider hosting an event for **Red Dress Day-May 5**
- **National Hospice and Palliative Care Week-May 3-9** is an opportunity to continue advocacy efforts regarding MAiD and proposed legislation to include mental illness in the criteria.
- Plan a speaker for **National Indigenous Peoples Day-June 21**
- Looking further ahead consider planning to participate in "**The Coldest Night of the Year**" – **February 27, 2027**. This event rallies support for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. This event emphasizes walking together in the cold to demonstrate empathy and raise funds for vulnerable neighbours. Watch for information in the future.

Thank you for your dedication to support the most vulnerable in our communities. Your faith and compassion bring hope and justice to those who need it most.

Your sister in the League,

**Chris Carlyle**

Mb Provincial Social Justice Chairperson