

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
**Manitoba Provincial Council**

**Community Life**

April 26, 2023



**Communiqué 3**

*Catholic and Living It*

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)  
Diocesan Chairpersons of Community Life  
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
CC: National Chairperson of Community Life (for information)  
FROM: Marielle Rigaux, MB. Provincial Chairperson of Community Life.

This is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria  
I do hope you took in the mass at Loretto Chapel (online)

It's convention time, due to the weather I missed the Winnipeg Diocese convention and did not get to take in the virtual convention either. St. Boniface is on this weekend and I must get to communiques, "pronto".

**MARCH FOR LIFE:**

**Life Culture Spring Gala: June 2-2023**

The special guest speaking this year is Joy Smith of the Joy Smith Foundation. Through the Foundation, Joy Smith works to ensure that every man, woman and Child is safe from exploitation through sex trafficking or forced labour.

**Gala** is being held at the Niverville Heritage Centre. Visit **the Life Culture website** to register for this Gala and for the following event

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Culture of Life Seminar** (11am-1:30pm.) on this same day take in

**Movie "The Matter of Life** (7pm.-8:30) at the Keystone Cinema in Steinbach for a showing of an inspiring & educational film.

This film unravels the complexities of abortion issues through science, philosophy, history and powerful personal stories. It answers powerful questions and provides hope for the future (Age 16 +)

**June 4<sup>th</sup>. WALK FOR LIFE** will be hosted at the KR. Barkman Park in Steinbach at 1 pm. BBQ @ 2pm. May all CWL members available come and show your support at the Walk.

If you have a Pro-Life Banner please display it on your lawn or building for the full week of May 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

(this is an Ontario CL initiative) a Prov. President asked for her Ontario members to develop a project for members to “Go Make a Difference”

**BEE compassion in action:** a unique way to educate yourself on certain issues and topics and then go and make a difference.

Attached to this directive: 1- Instructions  
2- The challenge  
3- The survey

This involves working as a team and individuals participate to the extent you are capable of.  
(instructions sent via e-mail – downloads)

## **RECONCILIATION ROSARY**

JUNE 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day (further information to follow)

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WORKING GROUP

#### **Rights & Responsibilities # 643**

<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/upload.2023.04.643> Rights & Responsibilities-final-1.pdf

4.1: Includes resources on: books, church documents & teachings, films, organizations, Papal documents, Scripture quotes.

4.2: Prophets Among Us: Bishop Juan Gerardi (1988) his task was to account for abuses during the Civil War in Guatemala and also responsible for working on the “Recovery of Historical Memory Project”.

1996 the United Nations helped end the 36 years of civil war in Guatemala.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE : National Voluntary Funds**

D&P Catholic Near East Welfare Association fund can be contributed until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### **KINDNESS ROCK PROJECT:**

PLEASE promote this fun event and encourage all to take photos and use CWL painted rocks. We are asked to paint rocks (not overly big ones) put a little word or saying on them leave them to be found.

Put them in parks, flower beds on the trail where you walk your dog. If you are from somewhere else put the name of your town on it. (put a smile on someone’s face). Faith would like for you to take photos just so she can see them. There will not be time for a Powerpoint Presentation at the National AMM but send her the pictures you have. (Have a paint night with other CWL members, have fun with this).

**SURVEY** - Deepening Relationships with Indigenous Catholic Women. A hard copy was included in the parish council mailing. National Council and MB. Provincial Council encourage everyone to complete the survey so that everyone'

**“Lord someone you love .....is in need of your” help (insert what it is that person needs) .**

Till the next communicate,

May God Bless You and Keep You!

Marielle Rigaux

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February 1st, 2023



Communiqué 2

*Catholic and Living It*

TO: Diocesan Presidents (Bernadette Benson, Chris Carlyle, Lacey Bernardin)  
CC: Diocesan Chairpersons of Community Life  
CC: Provincial Executive  
CC: Faith Anderson, National Chairperson of Community Life

FROM: Marielle Rigaux Manitoba Provincial Chairperson of Community Life

Six words to hold onto when life gets really hard:

“This is the path to Heaven”

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**LIFE CULTURE** Susan Penner (Exec. Dir.) of Life Culture spoke at the Landmark Fire Station. Landmark has put in place Manitoba’s first “Hope’s Cradle” where someone can safely surrender their child, no questions asked. It is hoped that other cities in Manitoba will consider having such a safe place. To read more about Hope’s Cradle: [www.lifeculture.ca/hope](http://www.lifeculture.ca/hope)

**Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada:** Brother Alex is the founder and Executive Director of this coalition. Br. Alex travels the world speaking and has the most read BLOG in the “world” that focuses on euthanasia, assisted suicide and end of life issues. LIFE CULTURE has made a video of Brother Alex presentation which is available for download available at the Life Culture e-mail address should you be interested.

**“There is no right to Die”** The Catholic Ministry of “Ken and Janelle.com” also have available a video pertaining to “euthanasia”.

The Canadian gov’t has delayed Euthanasia for the mentally ill from March to TBD.

**CHOOSE LIFE:** The women who chose to carry their baby to term rather than abortion are in need of our support. Does your council have a program in place to help these mothers out.?

## **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: CNEWA**

These organizations put people and the planet first. Because of the war in the Ukraine, people received here in Canada as refugees are a top priority for being looked after.

The “planet“, how malignant is mining? And what to do about it? To find answers to these two questions please order your free brochures from National Office, call 204-231-2848 and order for your church.

Development & Peace have offered to place information in their newsletter on Catholic Women’s League membership (tooting our own horn). Membership for D & P is \$10.00 for **a lifetime**. Please consider supporting.

**1%** of what we purchase for ourselves: it was suggested that a jar be placed on the table at your diocesan meetings as a way to remind you and you can put in some change.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** If we don’t see it we don’t believe it yet it’s happening in all the bigger centers. An online **Pilgrimage of Prayer & Awareness against human trafficking** will take place

Feb. 8, 2023 from 9:30 am---4 pm.

To participate (link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDTom9Ks6Yo>

See if your local high school would invite Joy Smith to come and speak to the grades 7 – 12 including parents to enlighten them all about Human Trafficking and how it’s happening in your city and smaller cities in Manitoba, throughout Canada and universally.

## **LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

St. Gianna Beretta Molla---Feast Day: April 28<sup>th</sup>

This is a short summary of ST. Giannas story. St. Gianna was a doctor and a surgeon. She was a strong Catholic who advocated for Catholic Action. She was a mother of four. In her fourth pregnancy she was diagnosed with cancer and rather than have surgery and lose her baby she chose to carry to term and died after delivering her 4<sup>th</sup>. child.

To learn more about St. Gianna visit this link [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=6985](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=6985)

## **Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste**

Resolution... urges the federal government to enact legislation to reduce food loss and waste in Canada’s agri-food, industrial and institutional sectors. Find the “action plan” at this link:

[Enact-Federal-Legislation-to-Reduce-Food-Loss-and-Waste](#)

### **Did you know:**

- 1 Life Culture has “LIFE TALK PODCASTS” on different subjects related to life: [www.lifeculture.ca](http://www.lifeculture.ca)
2. Canada has the most liberal laws for Euthanasia in the world? (isn’t that something to be proud of)
3. Thunder Bay ON. Has the highest rate of human trafficking?
4. Canada did not make the list for being one of the most Catholic countries in the world?

Some of my information was taken from the Knights of Columbus newsletter. We do support many of the same things and it’s nice to know what they have in the works to keep their organization going.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you all with a wonderful and productive year ahead.

Marielle Rigaux

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Sep 12, 2022



**Communiqué 1**

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FROM: Marielle Rigaux

Hello my Sisters in the League,

I hope you have all had a great summer. As of now the weather is cooler and the harvest at most times is half done but this whole year has proven different. My garden bounty is not all in but I am calling it quits with the canning, I put everything away and I have run out of jars. It is a sense of accomplishment, it's for my children and grandkids. I now have time to dedicate myself to a commune or two as I have taken on 2 chairs due to a shortage of people expressing any kind of interest. If you chose to apprentice, I could use a sidekick, that or you can ride "shotgun"..

Please take the time to read Faith Andersons Community Life Communique # 10 on the National CWL Website in regards to the Papal Visit and Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. (how can we participate?)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**PRAY :** on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> it is hoped that one million children will be praying the Rosary for World Peace in a gesture of solidarity.

When the war broke out in the Ukraine it was suggested that we pray a decade of the Rosary every day for Peace. With all the conflicts in the world, we as CWL members cannot, not Pray. After so many years it is ingrained in our souls, it is part of us.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

People and Planet First: Canadians are calling on the House of Commons to adopt human rights and due diligence legislation. It's time to stop talking and do something to tackle climate change as more and more activists are being threatened and killed. It is the vulnerable members of the human family bearing the largest burden and dealing with the worst impacts of climate change. All the batteries in the

world will not make a difference, they have to be recycled also, can they fly a plane, can they survive our cold winters? How and where will they be stored when no longer useful?

## **HUMAN RIGHTS**

“existing measures are not effective in preventing human and environmental abuses around the world”  
What Development and Peace is wanting that “the obligation to prevent human rights violations to be legally binding” and to develop and implement human rights and environmental changes due diligence procedures.

A failure for companies supporting these changes have to live up to their obligation and should be dealt with meaningful consequences if they fail to do so.

## **REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS**

A few weeks ago a plane load of 300 + refugees arrived in Winnipeg from Pakistan. These people were part of those who offered translation to the Armies fighting in Iran and were promised safe haven in Canada by the Canadian gov't. Over 60 were relocated in the Winkler area. Welcome them to our country because many a Canadian soldiers' life was saved because these refugees dared to help.

Please consider attending the Day of Reflection in Lorette on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be forthcoming. I'm planting a seed! Our getting together has been curtailed for so long, please take advantage of this opportunity to LIVE, LOVE & LAUGH together.

Our Lady of Good Counsel bless and keep you,  
Marielle Rigaux