

Timmins Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Community Life Standing Committee

Directive #5

October 1, 2018

To: Parish Community Life Standing Committee Chairs
cc: Diocesan President, Parish Presidents, Chairpersons of Diocesan Standing Committees and Provincial Community Life
From: Diocesan Community Life Standing Committee Chairperson,
Frances Freeman

“...the measure you give will be the measure you get back” Luke 6:27

1. Our newly elected National Chairperson of Community Life is Marie Rackley of St. John's Nfld
2. Ontario Provincial Chairperson of Community Life is Joanna Sisk of Ottawa
3. Ontario Provincial President is Anne Madden of Kingston
4. The National Theme beginning Jan. 2019 is “Care of Our Common Home” presently is “Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call”
5. Our provincial Theme is “Homelessness”

How these themes fit so well into our task to help the HOMELESS, which remains the focus in Ontario this term. We have accomplished much this past year in recognizing that homelessness is a complicated issue affecting, for example, the unemployed, mentally ill, lonely and isolated persons, victims of violence, drug addiction, and we know there is more can be done. We continue our support for the homeless and to pray for solutions.

Congratulations to our province and our diocese for all their involvement. At the Ontario Provincial Convention, \$15,154.50 was donated in Tim Horton's gift cards and distributed to the homeless in the Archdiocese of Toronto

The Ontario Provincial Council has initiated a project “Warmth and Comfort” under the Community Life Chair with a directive issued to introduce an initiative to collect socks, peanut butter and boxes of crackers. The need for socks is ongoing for men, women and children to be donated to homeless, shelters, drop-in centres, clothing banks, safe houses, hospital Palliative care units, emergency departments and senior/nursing homes throughout Ontario. The goal is to collect 2019 pairs of socks before Jan. 2019.

They would be distributed in the diocese where they were donated. This “Warmth and Comfort” project begins Oct 1, 2018.

We are asked to keep a record of the numbers so I would ask each parish to inform either myself, Community Life Chair or Marie Black, Communications Chair the total pairs of socks, peanut butter or crackers collected. If you have pictures or stories, we would love to see as well.

I realize that in the past many parishes donated cash, socks, food and other articles, however we are asked to participate in this provincial “Warmth and Comfort” project. Our diocese is small but when we are “inspired by the Spirit, we will respond to God’s call”.