



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Military Ordinariate Provincial Council



TO: Base Councils Presidents, Base Council Community Life Chairs,
Military Ordinariate Administrative Committee

FROM: Military Ordinariate Provincial Community Life Chair

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Some information from Doreen Gowans outgoing Community Life for National from her oral report to National Convention in Halifax 2016

“The Jubilee Year of Mercy challenges us to take action; and CWL Resolutions provides the direction. For example our 2013.01 resolution Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada’s Indigenous Peoples, are being acted on by not for profit organizations through hosting Celebration of Culture with the First Nations people by including traditional Pow Wows during the areas festivities.”

There may be a member of your council who would be interested in investigating what is happening in your area and reporting back to her council. This could generate meaningful discussion and action. In reference to refugees a CCCB’s Pastoral Letter entitled “ I was a stranger and you welcomed me” can be obtained from the CCCB website. Again this could be one member of your council getting a copy and sharing the information with the council. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace [CCOPD] is implementing a new strategic plan to promote “ Justice for women” and women’s leadership. In future our 1% funds will be distributed to three areas:

1. In Sierra Leone- Women on Mining and Extractives (WoME). WoME is a national non-governmental, non-religious and non-partisan women-led and owned organization working to overcome the economic inequality, social exclusion and vulnerability of women in mining communities.
2. In Afghanistan- Noor Educational Capacity Development Organization (NECDO)
NECDO works for empowerment of women.
3. In Haiti, Famn Deside In Haiti where violence against women is pervasive, Famn Desude educates on women and children’s rights through training, accompaniment of female victims of violence, and supporting income-generation activities

Hoping 2017 will see God’s will work through all of us as we support each other in ways that we are able, prayer being a very powerful way.

Yours in the League;
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