



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: March 25, 2019

FROM: Marie C. Rackley, national chairperson of community life

TO: Parish chairpersons of community life

CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents, life members (on request)

My Dear Sisters in the League,

Members are entering the season of Lent, the time of year to reflect on spiritual growth with the Saviour. By giving time and sharing talents in serving this standing committee, examples of Christ in action can be communicated with council members by visiting the sick, making cookies for the hungry, donating clothing to the poor, working at a soup kitchen, taking on a project to financially support and by attending mass whenever possible. God's family is served by giving to others.

Share Lent Campaign 2019 Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCCB) review of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P) practices in relation to choosing its partners is ongoing. Many dioceses have chosen to proceed with the annual Share Lent collection in support of D&P. Before collecting or making donations, members and councils should contact their local diocesan office to confirm if a Share Lent collection is authorized. When submitting contributions, please specify in the letter that this money is not to be forward to any of the 52 partners under review.

Please note that the national executive/board suspended the League's 1% Program, the national voluntary fund that supports D&P, until the audit is completed by the CCCB. No monies are being collected at this time.

Kairos

What and who is Kairos? Kairos is "a joint venture ecumenical program administered by the United Church of Canada". The organization "unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to 'do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God'" (Micah 6:8).

Kairos "deliberates on issues of common concern....advocates for social change....engaging in social transformation...joining with those of goodwill". It has partners in Canada and around the world and through its Indigenous Rights Circle is working to understand how it might work better with, rather than for, Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples.

Kairos is currently asking for financial assistance to help advocate for the Women of Courage as well as the Winds of Change programs. To learn more about Kairos or the programs visit kairoscanada.org.

Canadian Food for Children (CFFC)

Since 1985 Canadian Food for Children, a registered charity with the federal government, was started with the goal to feed the poor. The organization was founded by devout Catholics and Canadians Dr. Andrew Simone and his wife Joan, with donations reaching out to feed “the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world”. For more information visit canadianfoodforchildren.net. Perhaps there is a Lenten project for your council to research.

Upcoming Events

- April 7-13 National Volunteer Week – National – Volunteer Canada
- April 12-14 Global Youth Service Day – International – Global Youth Service Day

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless members and families the Lenten season, bringing you closer to the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Marie C. Rackley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie C. Rackley".

National Chairperson of Community Life