



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



Environment Care

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Right to life:

Pro-lifers will gather at over 200 locations coast to coast to participate in Life Chain this year. They will pray silently for an hour while holding non-graphic signs with messages such as "Abortion kills children" and "Abortion hurts women".

Though Life Chain is usually on the first Sunday of October, due to Thanksgiving, it will be held on Sunday September 30th from 2-3pm at most Canadian locations this year.

Homelessness:

At Ontario Provincial Convention \$5 Tim Hortons or \$5 MacDonald's gift cards were donated to the homeless. (\$12,044.00) was shared to 23 different groups and organizations in the Toronto area. (\$3,110.00) in gift cards were distributed by councils prior to the convention in communities where they live.

Dr. Naheed Dosani spoke at the convention about Hospice for the Homeless Program in the greater Toronto area. PEACH (Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless). He told us about going out to the homeless and gaining their trust to go into hospice/palliative care. You can see his story and the homeless on the streets at: www/CBCjourneyhomehospice

In our communities, homelessness and poverty are linked. A critical shortage of housing that is affordable also contributes to the homeless. We need more solutions for youth homelessness, women fleeing violence, and Indigenous homelessness.

What are you doing for the homeless? Do you know where the homeless live?

October 17th is the International Day the Eradication of Poverty. The "Dignity for All, Chew on this" 6th year campaign. To get information or to order postcards etc. go to www.dignityforall.ca Canada's first National Poverty Reduction Strategy came out August 2018. You can get updates on the website above as well.

Councils might want to volunteer at Homeless Shelters, collect food, or cook soup and deliver it to a shelter October 17th as well.

Environment:

September 30th is World Rivers Day, a time to reflect on how we affect the water we depend on.

We think what we dump down the kitchen drain or flush down our toilets is gone forever, and we are so wrong.

In the Kitchen:

Use environmentally friendly cleaning soaps and cleansers. Ordinary cleaners contain chemicals which remain in our water system. Don't pour cooking oil down the drain. Collect it in a can or bottle and take it to the waste water collection center. It will be used as a vehicle fuel.

The Toilet:

At some time in our lives we are on medications. 50-90% of those medications are not absorbed by the body and are eliminated in urine. Our water treatment system cannot remove these chemicals from our drinking water. We are unable to control this problem, but we have control of what we knowingly flush down the toilet.

Diapers, wipes, paper towels, and feminine hygiene products don't dissolve, and they block the water pipes.

With a little bit of effort we can make a difference in the health of our rivers and subsequently the health of ourselves.