



London Diocesan Council
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To: All Parish Presidents, Regional Chairperson, and Community Life Chairpersons

Cc: London Diocesan Council

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I hope you all had a lovely summer. This summer has been one of many pleasant surprises and one of rest. Even took a pilgrimage to Midland, Ontario. The beauty surrounding the area is breathtaking. God has surrounded us with his masterpiece of beauty and love.

Development and Peace is launching its new campaign Create a Climate of Change in three ways: Change your Lifestyle; Change your Community and Change our Country.

Change Your Lifestyle: Create a sustainable home by turning down the thermostat; make sure your home is well insulated; use LED bulbs; wash laundry in cold water; use less water, etc. Getting around sustainably by carpooling; avoid idling your car; walk or ride your bike and fly only when necessary. Eat Sustainably by eating local and/or organic food; eat less meat and dairy, don't waste food. Create less waste - reduce, reuse, repair, recycle; compost food and garden waste; and share, borrow, and lend what you have and buy less stuff.

Change your Community: Invite your school or church to assess the ecological impact it is having and commit to having changes to make a difference; find a Green School certification program in your region which can guide you in making your school more climate friendly; talk to municipal leaders about how to create a climate of change in your community, by offering composting, supporting community gardens, improving public transit.

Change Your Country: We can make a commitment to reduce our carbon footprint and call on the Prime Minister to make a commitment for Canada. In December, the Paris climate negotiations (COP21) will be held. It is an opportunity to turn the tide on climate change. World Leaders will meet with the goal of signing a binding treaty to tackle climate change and solve this urgent crisis. A copy of the Take Action on climate change can be found on the Development & Peace website: www.devvp.org

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In Pope Francis encyclical "Laudato Sii" or "Be Praised" calls for an urgent action to tackle the current ecological crisis and address inequalities. Pope Francis invites us to put the poorest at the centre, the ones who are not responsible for the terrible consequences of climate change on people's lives and have fewer resources to react. The encyclical on care of our common home makes a call for a transformational change that will allow all human beings to live sustainably in dignity.

To see Pope Francis encyclical Laudato Sii or "Be Praised" go to:

http://w2.vatican.va/francesco/.../papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-landa

Report from the Provincial Committee Life Standing Committee has issued a bulletin for Refugee Sponsorship Training. There will be an overview of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program on September 11, 2015. For more information please see the provincial link www.cwl.on click on **OPC Communications Bulletin #12**.

Refugee and migration crisis: I am sure we have all seen the photo of a three-year old boy whose body was washed ashore. It was so sad. People everywhere are calling for a common effort to support refugees. As members of The Catholic Women's League, we have always been at the forefront in support of immigrants. Please review this bulletin.

Hoping to see you at the fall regional meetings. May our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in your journey through actions and love. God bless you all.

Kathy Levesque