

I have chosen Mary Mother of Jesus, as my inspiration for Community Life Committee.

For her: **Humility, Trust, Courage and devotion to God the Father.**

With **Humility** she accepted, as a 14 year young girl the message of the Angel Gabriel that God had chosen her to become the mother of “**God’s Son.**” She was scared, knowing in those days as an unwed mother she would be stoned to death. **She trusted God.**

Now, we have the Madonna House; & other Ministries that protect a young mother with child to ensure they receive proper care.

Mary placed her **trust** in Josef to keep her little boy Jesus safe. **Courage:** the small family immigrated to Egypt until it was time to go back to Nazareth: **They were Refugees make no mistake about that.**

Canadian Immigration and citizenship protect Women at risk of Gender related persecution. Now, we help the Refugees from Syria by providing them with housing and food and assist them to integrate into our society. We help by writing letters, volunteering and donations.

Again, she **trusted** by submitting to God’s will. She needed so much courage to raise and protect her boy Jesus. All the while thinking and worrying about his human self. She protected Jesus just like any mother would do. How worried she was when he stayed behind in the Temple.

We now worry about **Human Trafficking.** Young Girls and boys are being lured into this horrific crime and forced into prostitution; The campaign “**I am not for sale**” with the National Coordination Centre of Canada makes people aware of this problem. We write letters to the government to amend the criminal code for this horrific treatment of our children.

Humility: Mary taught Jesus values by encouraging Gods word. “**I am the Lord’s Servant.**” She made sure he learned a trade from Josef.

Mary again displayed trust when she called Jesus’ attention to the need of others: **Do whatever he tells you to do.** This encourages us to volunteer and help those who are in need **to actually go there,** & do things for others. The organization **Development and Peace** is a very much needed organization, dedicated to help worldwide. Caritas is known to be saving lives.

Sorrow: She was present and standing under the cross; when her son was humiliated and crucified. She was a person of great faith, & the 1st follower of Jesus in his ministry. Although we hopefully never will experience this, **it teaches us not to ever give up in helping others.** There are so many worthwhile causes the CWL helps. The North of 60 Project was so very inspiring to me. Others are the Red Cross, Sisters of Precious Blood, Haiti, Velma’s Dream & many more. We continue to write letters to our governments in the hope to change the status quo.

This, Madam President concludes my report.