



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Ontario Provincial Council



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To: Diocesan Communication Chairpersons
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Bcc: Ontario Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, Archbishop O'Brien, National Communication Chairperson and Sub-Committee Chairs

As we approach this time of the year, many councils are always thinking of different ways to help the less fortunate. You donate to the food banks, you give to St. Vincent de Paul Society and you create scarfs, mittens and hats to give to the homeless.

As the Provincial's theme this year is on homelessness and their needs, I would like to suggest that you give just a bit more than you normally would i.e. one more dollar, one more pair of socks, one more box of macaroni and cheese and maybe one more jar of peanut butter.

I also would like to suggest that you discuss in your councils some of the facts about homelessness and how it affects different classes of people i.e. the youth, the indigeneous, the senior and those who are just down on their luck. Making people aware of the issues may encourage someone to be a little kinder towards the homelessperhaps smile a little brighter, talk a little longer or offer some assistance that would not normally come their way.

Some websites where you may obtain some information are as follows: You can Google "Facts about homelessness in Canada" for more info.

Facts & Figures - Raising the Roof:

<http://www.raisingtheroof.org/for-media/facts-figures/>

Just the Facts: <http://www.cwp-csp.ca/poverty/just-the-facts/>
Facts About Youth Homelessness – Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth
www.evas.ca/facts-about-youth-homelessness/

The cold and the winter season is especially hard on the homeless. A warm cup of coffee and a nice warm meal will go a long way in making their day!

Wishing you all the best in the Christmas season....and keep in mind that not everyone is as fortunate as us.

Christmas Blessings to All!