



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

BC & YUKON PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

National theme: Care for Our Common Home

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TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Communications (for immediate distribution)
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FROM: Sylvia Jurys, BC & Yukon Provincial Council Chairperson of Communications

Dear Sisters in the League and Fr. David,

I am writing this communique having just returned from a walk with a friend, at social distance along Beach Avenue in Peachland. The sky was blue that projected its hue onto the calm Lake Okanagan in Peachland. It was no time for chatter on this Remembrance Day as we prayed and gave thanks to the men and women who fought for the freedom that we have in our beloved Canada and in the world, because of their bravery. As it was, we approached the cenotaph, where a few people had gathered to remember. We stopped briefly to hear the piper piping a sombre "Amazing Grace" no words were needed to be spoken. A war hero stood tall, at the cenotaph, medals proudly worn on his breast and head bowed low. A man in the crowd saluted in respect; what a loud and powerful silent communication for us all to witness. With tears in our eyes, we carried on with our walk, in silence.

As the weeks and days of the year are muddled. We sometimes are not sure what day or month it is and if you are anything like me, enthusiasm to get through our daily "To Do" list dwindled and time almost stood still. We got more and more worried about COVID-19 and its effect on the seniors in care facilities, people who are living alone and families who are strewn across Canada coast to coast. Priorities got out of order. Talking to ourselves and opening our eyes to what was happening around us became a joyful and hopeful experience.

As I took to the streets walking kilometre after kilometre, my communication with God became prayer, rosaries and thanksgiving for His wonderful gift to us. I vividly saw His creation of our world, trees, birds, animals, flowers, wild life, clear skies, people, improvement in the environment, friendships that blossomed from a distance brought closer together by ZOOM, phone calls and letters, and this my dear sisters was communication at its best that brought me closer to God and Our Blessed Mother Mary.

COVID-19 has given us many communication options:

- Daily Mass on ETWN and Salt and Light – please donate if you are able
- Vatican News www.vaticannews.va/en - lots of news from around the world
- Livestreamed Masses from your Church
- Council Zoom Meetings, to register click here: <https://zoom.us/support/download>
- Do not forget to call your CWL members, especially those who do not have email
- Write letters or send a greeting card to your CWL Sisters and friends (I love getting a letter or card in the mail).
- Write letters or send a greeting card to your CWL Sisters and friends who are in Care Homes, they need to know that they are not forgotten.

The National Implementation Committee

In my last communique I encouraged you to apply for participation in the National Implementation Committee. I am happy to tell you that I did apply and was accepted in Workgroup 4 with Jacqueline Nogier as our leader. I have now found friends from BC and PEI. It is a wonderful experience and I encourage you take the opportunity to apply when offered in 2021.

Pornography Hurts and Mandatory Age Verification Postcards – keep them circulating!

Send the postcards to federal government cabinet ministers and members of parliament. (NO POSTAGE REQUIRED)

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

The Right Honourable David Lametti
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

and your local Member of Parliament
see following link for list of all MP's:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en/search?province=BC>

For communiqués and news visit the National and BC & Yukon Websites:

Provincial Council website: <https://bcyukoncwl.com>

National Website: www.cwl.ca

Dates to Remember:

December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 6 St. Nicholas
December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

“Christmas Noel” Postage Stamps:

Are stunningly beautiful this year. Remember to buy them before they are completely sold out at the Post Office

One more important reminder:

A reminder that the Advent Communicator will be published in early December and I would love to have news, stories, COVID happenings, tree planting, Greeting, reflections etc. Would you kindly send any photographs in .jpeg format as attachments please and thank you. If I could have the articles by Friday, December 4, I would appreciate it very much. It would be great to have news from all the councils in the province and across Canada, we are in this pandemic together!

The theme of the Advent Communicator is

“Hope, Faith and Love”

Please email your submissions to me at comm@bcyukoncw1.com by Dec. 4, 2020.

I pray that your Advent Journey and Christmas is joyful and very blessed!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us,

Sylvia Jurys
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