



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Archdiocese of Edmonton

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## CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE ANNUAL REPORT 2010

61 Councils Reporting

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### Marriage and Family Life

Many councils sponsor family life through various parish programs. Councils have been presenting the newly married couples with crucifixes or bibles as they start their married life. Some councils recognize the anniversaries of couples in the parish; one council honors those couples celebrating 50 years or more with a Mass. World Marriage Day is celebrated in many parishes with a mass and a blessing for married couples. Many members are involved with Marriage Preparation classes and wedding rehearsals. Some councils sponsor summer BBQ's, fall supper, coffee and donuts after mass and other family events. Many councils present all sacrament recipients with a small gift. Members are involved Retrouvaille and Marriage Encounter weekend retreats. Many members bring Communion to the sick and shut-in of the parish. Council members offer rides to church, meetings and appointments to parishioners who are unable to drive.

### Sanctity of Life

Members are writing letters to all levels of government to express their concerns regarding euthanasia and assisted suicides. Many councils support Pro-Life groups by prayer, monetary support and participate events such as the March for Life, Life Chains and the Forty Days of Prayer outside of the abortion clinics which are sponsored by these groups. Some councils have signed petitions in support of Roxanne's Law. Many councils offer a special Mass and prayers for the unborn, the stillborn and the miscarried. Many members are praying the rosary with the Siege of Jericho to end abortion.

Some councils donate to or have memberships in the following:

Sign of Hope, Matercare, local Women's Crisis centers, Alberta Pro-Life, Youth Emergency Center, Pregnancy Crisis Center, Birthright, Bosco Homes, Marian Center, Campaign Life Coalition, Back Porch, Lurana Shelter and Kara Family Support Center.

## **Vocations**

This year we had 23 seminarians in the Adopt-a-Seminarian program. The seminarians are supported by prayers of council members. Members write letters, send cards for birthday, Christmas, Easter and any another occasion the members can think of to show they are thinking of them. The seminarians are invited to suppers and special events of their adopting council.

## **Catholic Girls League**

Many councils are aware of the Catholic Girls League but do not have one in their parish. At this time we have 8 Catholic Girls Leagues in the Edmonton Diocese although one is currently inactive. The newest CGL is with Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sherwood Park. Two more councils have expressed an interest in forming a CGL in their parishes.

Many councils have been reviewing past resolutions that are still active under this standing committee. Many have written letter to politicians regarding abortion, euthanasia and the sex trade and human trafficking. Many have also signed petitions regarding Bill C268 to amend the section of the criminal code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years). Many are sending e mails to the various government offices.

The past year has certainly been a busy one and next year will have many projects or causes to work on for God and country. Keep up the good work and many and many good things will be accomplished during 2011. With God at our side and guiding us, we can accomplish great things.

Respectfully submitted,

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For God and Canada  
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