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**Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council**  
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To: Community Life Standing Committee Chairpersons  
From: Debbie Mattiazzi, Diocesan Community Life Chair Person  
Cc: Diocesan Executive, Parish Presidents, Provincial Community Life Chair

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Serve the needs of others and all your own needs will be fulfilled.  
Through selfless action fulfillment is attained

Dear Sisters in the League

I am very pleased to send my first directive as Community Life Chair for the Diocesan Council. I look forward to working with all the community life chairpersons.

Linda Squarzolo, our Provincial President has asked we focus on the provincial theme **"Go Make a Difference"** As I pondered this I thought How Can I Make a Difference! After some thought and research, I realized it really shouldn't be that difficult. We first need to look inward at ourselves, **"Bring out the best in yourself first"** You then can bring out the best in your inner circle and globally. Treat people with love and kindness which can ripple out too. Here are some tips I found: meditation, praise, speak positive, volunteer, donate to important causes, compassion, listen and spending time with family, friends, and your community.

**OPC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group**

This working group was established by the Ontario Provincial Council in 2021 with a focus on educating and raising awareness. A section dedicated to Truth and Reconciliation appears on the provincial website providing Links, Spiritual Resources and upcoming Events ([www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca) TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION).

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day in Canada, honouring the children lost, the Survivors, their family and communities. We can **make a difference** and show support by wearing orange. We have so much to learn on our journey toward reconciliation and healing. In order to share information and featured activities, members are asked to submit T&R events and activities (with photos), favourite book recommendations, upcoming webinars and ideas for future articles.

### **2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste**

This resolution was adopted in 102<sup>nd</sup>, Annual national convention in Kelowna. Submitted by Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council, the resolution .."urges the federal government to enact legislation to reduce food loss and waste in Canada's agri-food, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors."

We ask you to read it, familiarize members with it and follow up on the Action Plan. Present it at a meeting or invite a guest speaker on the topic.

### **Faith Service and Social Justice**

On August 24, 2022 the national board advised the standing committees will be reduced to three, Faith, Service and Social Justice

Currently **CL** responsibilities include: dignity and rights of persons; social and economic justice: refugees, immigration and citizenship: Development and Peace and developing countries. The first two fall under **social justice** and the final three under **service**. The guidelines will assist councils to transition to the new structure.

Let us move forward with the changes triggering progress moving forward with new beginnings bringing excitement to our Catholic Women's League.

Blessings,

Debbie Mattiazzi

Diocesan Community Life Chairperson