



Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council

COMMUNITY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE



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TO: Community Life Standing Committee Chairpersons
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CC: Diocesan Officers, Parish Presidents, Provincial Community Life Standing Committee Chairperson

"In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive." Lee Lacocca

I'm sure many of us during this COVID-19 pandemic are experience some forms of stress and uncertainty. I have found that reaching out to others with a simple phone call can be very rewarding not just for the person you call but also for yourself.

I encourage that we refer back to the C.A.R.E. Connection Project.

C- Communicate – Reach out to someone. It starts with a simple Hello

A – Act – Do something! Don't just think about doing it or don't wait. Just do it!

R – Respect - Respect people's situation. Don't judge. Be aware of their boundaries.

E – Engage – you just need to take that first step to make a world of difference to someone.

I encourage you to go on the Ontario Provincial website under Community Life Communique #3 from Mary Capobianco and read how the COVID has Impacted the Marginalized in our society and the small ways we can all help.

The Aged and Those in Nursing Homes, Single Parents, Women and Children Fleeing Violence, People in Housing Need, People Facing Food Insecurities, People with Disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and Migrant Workers. The above lists just a few of the groups impacted by COVID 19.

I am pleased to pass on that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Development and Peace have reached an agreement. The League can now reinstate its 1% Program. Parish councils can now collect and submit revenue earned to the national voluntary fund for CCODP.

In closing, I would like to share this quote from Mother Teresa, "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

Blessings, Stay safe.

Debbie Mattiazzi