

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

NATIONAL THEME 2019-2020

FOCUS FOR 2019: WATER



ONTARIO PROJECT KICK OFF

EACH PARTICIPATING INDIVIDUAL IS ASKED TO SELECT ONE WAY OF REDUCING WATER CONSUMPTION FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS WHO SHARE LIVING SPACE

EACH INDIVIDUAL/HOUSEHOLD BEGINS CHANGE(S) NO LATER THAN MARCH 22, 2019 – WORLD WATER DAY

EACH INDIVIDUAL/HOUSEHOLD RECORDS THEIR CHANGE WITH THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL WATER SAVINGS IN GALLONS AND DROPS IT INTO THE COLLECTION BOX LOCATED

THE CWL COUNCIL REPORTS THE TOTAL IMPACT TO THE OPC RESOLUTIONS CHAIR, COLLEEN MARTIN BY EMAIL cwlresolutions@tbaytel.net NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2019

A FURTHER STEP WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION IN JULY 2019

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF WATER

(Run water you are going to use for a particular purpose into a container for a minute to estimate your savings per minute – make sure you use the water and don't just dump it © .. then use the calculation per minute **X** # of minutes of activity **X** # times activity done per day or week **X** days or weeks in a year and then convert to calculate your total annual savings in litres/gallons)

- 1 Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- 2 Turn off the tap while you scrub your hands
- Operate dishwasher and washer only when full (each cycle uses 4 -6 gallons .. how many cycles do you save per week then x 52 for per year)
- Fix a leaky faucet (estimated savings 30-40 gallons per week with a steady run)
- 5 Shorten # of minutes for each shower (estimated savings 2.1 gallons per minute)
- **6** Fill a pitcher with water and store in fridge so do not run water to cool
- **7** Do not let the water run continuously to rinse dishes
- 8 If washing dishes, put water in the sink rather than letting the tap run while washing
- $\underline{\mathbf{9}}$ Use biodegradable dish soap and then use dishwater for watering plants after completing dishwashing (reusing water also counts as a savings)
- **10** Collect rain water and/or melt snow to water plants