

Diocesan chairperson of Community Life, Dina Samson

“ The power of true reconciliation originates in the true recognition of human dignity, God himself loves our humanity so much that he has given us his own Son”

My dear sisters in the League;

As we all followed the news when Pope Francis visited Canada and met with the Indigenous peoples, with apologies;

The Canadian conference of Catholic Bishops, the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund's board Of directors announced that the fund is officially accepting proposals and distributed funds for projects supporting healing and reconciliation. The fund has already collected \$4.6 million from Catholic dioceses” as part of its 30 million five-year commitment.

From our National Chairperson of Community Life, Faith Anderson

How can councils/members participate? There is still a long road to race in that \$30 million committed by the church. Councils and members are challenged to donate \$2.00 each for the next five years to support the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Through this donation, the membership would make a powerful statement, over five years, towards supporting Indigenous peoples and the church as together the road to reconciliation is walked. Please ask your Diocesan counterparts to encourage members to check with their local diocese to donate and to remind councils to include the information in the 2022 annual report survey.

On a diocesan level, OUTREACH:

I would like to thank all councils who have and continue to support your local communities many supportive housing and food banks.

COMMUNITY:

I Encourage the councils to commit to a community life project that reflects “Catholic and living it”. Let's take this reopening of society after the pandemic as an opportunity to demonstrate in an open and caring way to educate our communities and fellow church members on the important issues CWL commit to: Service, Faith, Social Justice. We must promote and open and positive outlook to encourage new and younger members to maintain and continue all of the good work done by the CWL. How do others view your Council? What do people know about the Canadian Catholic Women's League?

Together we can walk with Jesus as we celebrate being “Catholic and living it”

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Samson