



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

**Alberta Mackenzie Faith Standing Chair's Oral Report
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Madam President,

There is so very much going on in our society today that clearly goes against our Faith and the morals that are ingrained in us due to our Catholic upbringing. The various issues that affect the care of human beings from birth until death seem to be the least of our government's worries. There is a lack of care for the elderly; the homeless; and those who are mentally ill. Then, there is the horrible truth about our government's legislation on Euthanasia which began with the MAiD (medical assistance in dying) legislation.

Thank God we have the courageous group of women known as The Catholic Women's League of Canada. They had the courage to start a prayer habit called "12 Hours for Palliative Care", which encourages councils to organize their individual groups to pray the various prayers they choose over the assigned hour of the 12-hour period. Then we were blessed to have the CCCB declare May 7 – 14 the National Family & Life Week with the theme "Love One Another".

We are encouraged to attend the ordination of Rev. Santiago Torres on June 16th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary. The CWL councils will be hosting the reception afterwards. This is another opportunity to support religious vocations! It is appropriate to also tell you about the recent celebration of the Diaconal Ordination of Jake Mullen of Spruce Grove which took place on May 26th at St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton. God is good...all the time.

As you can see, our prayerfulness is really needed in so many instances.

As we go about our day it is important to remember to pray with FAITH that the Lord really does hear our prayers. Be patient and love each other as He loves you!

This concludes my report,
Suzanne Sherry, Faith Committee Chair