



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
Social Justice Communiqué
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TO: Diocesan Social Justice Chairs
CC: Provincial Executive
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Social Justice calls us to action! This year, Pope Francis asks us to be Pilgrims of Hope. The eight (8) signs of Hope allow us as Catholic women, to lead and participate in the [Jubilee 2025](#).

Pope Francis, "We are also called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us." ... "The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope."

Together we can learn, educate, and work to make an impact by focusing on the eight (8) signs of Hope: Peace in the world, Enthusiasm for Life, Prisoners, Sick, Young, Migrants (exiles, displaced, refugees), Elderly, and Poor. [Papal Bull](#)

Each sign of Hope can be linked to a Jubilee Day in the [General Calendar](#) and a CWL education event or advocacy activity planned, and a new resolution may result. Below are three Pilgrims of Hope suggestions:

Pair a 2024 National Resolution letter writing campaign with a Jubilee Day:
[Resolutions - The Catholic Women's League of Canada](#) The Personal Letter Writing Guide #173 can assist you.

- 2024.01: Increase Supported Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness with Mental Health and Mental Illness Issues.
November 16 - Jubilee of the Poor
- 2024.02: National Universal Pharmacare Program to Include Prescription Drug Coverage for People Experiencing Mental Illness.
April 5-6 - Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers
- 2024.03: Grant the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise Legal Authority to Investigate Environment and Human Rights Abuses.
October 5 – Jubilee of Migrants

Work with your Faith and Service Chairs:

For example, May 30 – June 1: Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, and the Elderly.
The signs of Hope: Enthusiasm for Life & Elderly are dear to our hearts.

- **Faith:** Grandparent Blessing Prayer.
- **Service:** Host an intergenerational activity in your parish.
- **Social Justice:** Attend a workshop with family and advocate for senior's rights.

Write a resolution:

Through prayer, a sign of Hope will touch your mind and heart, and you will write a resolution. Resolution Workshop #833a and #833b and Resolutions Handbook #618 and Guide #620 available at [Workshops - The Catholic Women's League of Canada](#) and [Manuals - The Catholic Women's League of Canada](#)

We are blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May He ignite in you the passion to act. Together, let us share our gifts and advocate for Social Justice, be Pilgrims of Hope!

Your sister in the League,

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