



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
Social Justice Communiqué
April 2026**



TO: Diocesan Social Justice Chairs
CC: Provincial Executive
FROM: Renee Spohn, ABMK Social Justice Chair

This communiqué provides information and ways your councils may participate in the National Indigenous Days for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Also, new in 2026 – 2027, Walking Together: Explore Indigenous Experiences.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) – May 5th and Oct 4th

May 5th – National Day of Awareness - Red Dress Day and Oct. 4th – National Day of Action - Sister in Spirit Vigil - Call for Action, justice, and support for affected communities.

The display of red dresses raises awareness; it symbolizes the loss and the call for justice and healing. The word “redress” means to remedy or set right. In 2010, Metis artist Jamie Black began the REDress project. It began as an art installation that hung hundreds of empty dresses in public spaces. Art exhibits which are a visual tribute to the REDress movement include Terry McCue, Ojibwa “Ripples of Loss” held in St. Albert, 2017 and since 2015, the REDress Photography Projects.

How to Honour Red Dress Day:

- **Wear Red** to show solidarity and make the issue visual.
- **Attend a Vigil or Event** hosted in your community.
- **Display a Red Dress** in your window.
- **Educate** yourself about the MMIWG crisis.
- **Share** information with peers, family, and colleagues.
- **Support Indigenous Organizations** by donating or volunteering.
- **Advocate for Action** for the implementation of the Calls to Action from the National Inquire into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (2019) to government and your local MPs. [Home Page | MMIWG](#)

Walking Together: Explore Indigenous Experiences – New for 2026-2027

The National Indigenous Relations subcommittee invites you to a webinar series. In October learn about the St. Kateri, Medicine Wheel, and participate in a Three Pillars: Faith, Service, and Social Justice discussion. In February 2027, experience being Metis including Louis Riel, Metis Sash, and Fiddling. More to come...

Your sister in the League,

Renee Spohn

Provincial Social Justice Chair