



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

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Winnipeg, Manitoba—October 30, 2017—The national executive of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, with over 82,000 members across the country, met October 27-28th for its annual fall executive meeting.

Inspired by the Spirit, the national executive responded to God's call by choosing mental health as the priority focus for 2018. Recognizing that mental health often has a causal link to poverty, homelessness, suicide, human trafficking, prostitution and other forms of abuse against the dignity of persons, all standing committees were asked to consider how to shed light on the issue through prayer, ministry and outreach to those suffering from mental health issues, advocating for increased access to quality support services, and raising the awareness of members so they may be able to respond to those in need.

The executive was presented with draft guiding principles, goals and objectives from its strategic planning committee encapsulating the visioning work of the national executive, the town hall input from the annual national convention, and provincial consultations. With the national executive's blessing, the steering committee committed to beginning its work in developing strategies.

Recognizing that the meeting was held on Treaty 1 territory, and committed to learning more about Indigenous culture and the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, members participated in a Kairos Blanket Exercise.

Additionally, members of the national executive responded to an invitation from Fr. David Reilander, president of Catholic Missions In Canada, to accompany him on a visit to one of the missions, Fort Alexander, Manitoba, home to approximately 6,000 people of the Sagkeeng First Nation. The national executive gathered in celebration of the Eucharist at Saint-Alexandre Church, followed by a tour of the church and community, lunch and meetings with Chief Derrick Henderson of the Sagkeeng First Nation.

About the Catholic Women's League of Canada

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, founded in 1920, is one of the largest organizations of women in Canada with in excess of 82,000 members represented in every province and territory and in the military. The League is organized and pledged to serve all citizens and has often received the commendation and keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.