



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Shari Guinta, national chairperson of communications

TO: Parish chairpersons of communications

CC: Parish, diocesan and provincial presidents, and life members (on request)

As I write this memo, I am very much anticipating the arrival of spring! Snow is still on the ground but the sunny days feel so good and make me yearn for the warmer temperatures. Welcome to the new chairpersons of communications and thank you to those who have been on the committee for at least a year. I have offered some communiques that are posted on the national website and hope that you have taken a look and used some of the material.

Pornography has been a focus, especially in the first year of my service. I would like to mention that the Pornography Hurts campaign is still alive and well, but that the information provided on the national website is intended for parish, diocesan and provincial councils to use and construct individual campaigns.

I encourage councils to have information sessions on the harmful effects of pornography. There are many terrific speakers and documentaries that can be tapped into. An example of one documentary that I have previously mentioned and promoted is *Over 18*. This documentary, by Jared and Michelle Brock of the anti-human sex-trafficking organization Hope for the Sold, addresses the addiction of pornography. The statistics are quite upsetting to say the least. Visit over18doc.com for more information.

Some councils have asked and have expressed confusion regarding the Pornography Hurts postcards which may be found on the national website, under Resources: 100 Series, item #178. These postcards are a guide. The card may be printed and/or ordered to be printed through a printing company. Use it as a communication tool for writing to members of government at all levels. I encourage councils to plan an information session and then proceed with a postcard or letter writing campaign during a time that is convenient. This can be done any time throughout the year.

There are many activities surrounding the topic of pornography that can be planned in parishes. Consider asking diocesan or provincial councils to co-ordinate something on a larger scale. I assure you that this issue is a very important and dangerous one.

