December 2020 Implementation Committee Update
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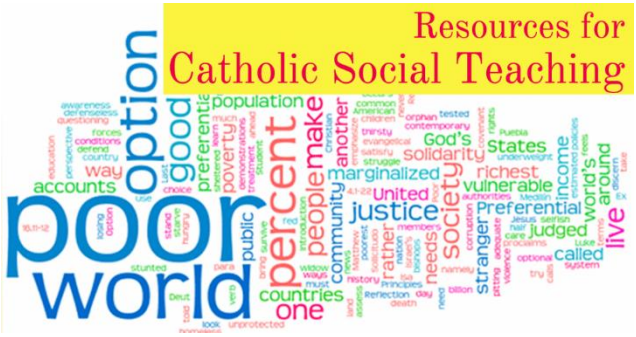
Goal Two: The Catholic Women's League of Canada addresses and supports Catholic social teaching through advocacy.

As members read the ongoing efforts of this working group, which is responsible for increasing members' knowledge of Catholic social teaching (CST) and its key principles, they will appreciate the significance of the group's work. In completing these strategies, there will be an increased knowledge of CST that will empower members to learn more about these foundational teachings of their faith.

Belinda Halbach spent the summer taking two online courses that provided her additional insight into some timely CST subjects. She was able to take an Indigenous course offered by the University of Alberta through the Coursera platform and the *Laudato Si'* animators program offered by Global Catholic Climate Movement. As a working group member, she is responsible for identifying CST resources from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' publications, Catholic organizations, retreats, magazine publications and TED Talks.

For Linda Maddaford, it is a privilege to serve on this working group. She is currently working on resources for *Care for Our Common Home*, one of the seven principles of CST. Linda believes communities and parishes across Canada would be poorer were it not for the tireless efforts and involvement of the League. Both Belinda and Linda took part in the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation's Leadership Program.

Shelley De-Serres' time with the working group has been eye-opening. If there is one thing she would like to stress, it is the difference between charity and social justice. Charity is giving temporary and immediate relief from a situation. Social justice is challenging the system and making changes for the good of everyone involved. In gathering social justice programs available in Canada, she realized how easy it is to give charity and not so easy to advocate for social justice. Shelley is making a comprehensive list of social justice resources available on the CST principle, *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*.



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