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CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE ORAL REPORT

Madam President:

Dear Sisters in the League, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our Christian Family Life Committee continues to invite, encourage and educate members on issues in ways of helping to respond to God's call.

In this time, the challenges to do His work become more prevalent and certainly more demanding. It is without doubt that our members are rising to the challenges to the best of their abilities.

As we move forward, our committee recognizes the constant upward battle dealing with the issues of euthanasia and abortions. The euthanasia issue has turned into our quest for better palliative care. Our work regarding euthanasia has become a transition to the palliative care topic which is actually listed under the duties of the Education & Health Committee. Perhaps councils could consider these two committees joining forces in hopes of coming up with more dynamic ways of lobbying for better palliative care.

The United Nations Human Rights Committee is considering excluding the unborn child from the right-to-life clause of an important United Nations human rights treaty. If passed, access to abortion would be an international human right. A petition to oppose this consideration is being circulated and is sponsored by the Center for Family & Human Rights in Washington DC. The petition will be presented on October 6th at the United Nations headquarters and is available at www.c-fam.org/right-life-international/.

Petition of One Million 2019 is a project to gather one million plus signatures to be presented to the federal government in 2019 in support of pro-life issues. A few copies may be found at our committee table with website & address information. Collect as many signatures as you can and send them to Alliance for Life, 26 Norfolk St. Guelph, ON, N1H 4H8.

Website: www.allianceforlife.org.

Did you know that Marches for Life are Global? An article in the Knights of Columbus Columbia magazine quotes "Undaunted by challenges, the international pro-life movement grows in strength and solidarity." You are encouraged to read the January 2018 Columbus magazine as it contains this and some other very good articles. Website: kofc.org/Columbia

The World Meeting of Families is August 21-26, 2018. A series of seven catechises on the family is available at laityfamilylife.ca.

World -Youth Day is January 21-28, 2019 in Panama. It is important to support youth because they are our future.

Taking in account the annual reports of the Christian Family Life committees, our members are doing fantastic work in all areas. Is there room for improvement? You tell us!

Food for thought in the area of Ministry to Seniors – there is a great need for better protection for our seniors whether they dwell at home or in a care facility. Who or what council will take on a challenge of a resolution in this regard?

We close with a quote from Ann Voskamp taken from the last communiqué by our national counterpart.

“We can be women who lift each other, love each other, belong to each other, women who fully receive each other, and deeply believe each other and always perceive dreams in each other.”

This concludes my report.

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