

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
St. Paul Diocesan Council**

**Christian Family Life Communiqué  
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Greetings to all & I hope you were able to spend time recharging and doing some fun or restful activities with family and friends over the summer.

Currently the Harper government has approved a \$6 million grant to the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Conservative MP Brad Trost says “the funding of the abortion giant has taught Ottawa’s pro-life politicians that the government only responds to Pro-Life issues and concerns when we take an aggressive stance.” For further information on this, one can check Brad Trost’s website or go to Lifesitenews.com.

Another area that has come to my attention is that single parent families continue to need much support. There has been new research that shows one-parent families have accumulated fewer assets such as higher education, work experience and a good income. Another factor, depending on the year and region, is that 35 to 65% of one-parent families are below the poverty line and have increased rates of welfare utilization. For more details on this see Peggy R's (national Christian Family Life chair) communiqué from May 2011 <<http://www.cwl.ca/index/cfl/cflcomm4.htm>>.

There is also a need for prayers for vocations, and I do have a copy of COLF's “Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – Urgent Questions” <<http://www.colf.ca>> (follow links in Electronic Publications) which some may find helpful when discussing this issue.

For God and Canada,

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