

2022-2023 Update



CNEWA



Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) In partnership with The Catholic Women's League of Canada

A big thank you to members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada for their ongoing and generous support of the work of Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) through your donations from League councils and members. Thank you also for your prayers.



For more information, please visit cnewa.org/ca/catholic-womens-league or email canada@cnewa.org

HELPING WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN THE HOLY LAND

Our partnership with The Catholic Women's League of Canada began with Velma's Dream almost 10 years ago. Together, we continue to strengthen and support Christian families in Israel and Palestine, to encourage Christians to remain in their homeland and thus keep a vital Christian presence there.

The two supported projects are at Shepherd's Field Hospital in Beit Sahour near Bethlehem in Palestine, and the Infant Welfare Centre located in the Old City of Jerusalem.

SHEPHERD'S FIELD HOSPITAL

Your support gives essential health care to pregnant women in need, and monitors the health and development of more than 100 babies each year. This is done by providing blood tests and important supplements such as iron and Vitamin D, and essential maternal health care for very poor families. The hospital also provides health education and consultation for these mothers, post-birth.



INFANT WELFARE CENTRE

The Infant Welfare Centre was closed for a year and a half due to severe restrictions and three lockdowns in Jerusalem, which had a negative effect on children's well-being. The staff decided to adapt and find ways to improve the mental health of children and their parents. These included workshops for parents with a counsellor, and hands-on activities for kids, like cooking, science experiments, and arts and crafts. These activities help the social, emotional and mental development of the children. The Centre also resumed its remedial education program, focusing on academic support for teens in science, math and Arabic language.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Beginning in 2013, CNEWA staff have accompanied dozens of Catholic Women's League members on an annual pilgrimage to visit holy sites in Israel and Palestine, and to meet with Holy Land Christians and CNEWA projects. CNEWA has put the pilgrimage on hold for now due to restrictions, but we hope to resume in 2023 or beyond.

PRAYER DAY FOR PEACE

On September 21 each year, you and your council are invited to join us in praying for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Please visit cnewa.org/ca/prayer-day-for-peace for more details.

FROM COMMUNITY LIFE CHAIRPERSON, FAITH ANDERSON

Sisters in the League,

Since 2010, The Catholic Women's League of Canada through Velma's Dream has offered prayers and provided financial assistance to the people of the Holy Land. In 2015 the League partnered with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, through the National Voluntary Fund, to aid those who are suffering and in need of help in the Holy Land as they continue to witness to the greatest of all hopes – the salvation and promises of our Lord.



There is an ongoing need to raise awareness of the needs and the work of Christians in the Middle East as they assert their right to live out their mission of charity and Gospel-witness safely and fruitfully in the region.

In May of 2021, Pope Francis asked all pastors and faithful of the Catholic church to unite themselves spiritually in prayer. He asked that every community pray to the Holy Spirit “that Israelis and Palestinians may find the path of

dialogue and forgiveness be patient builders of peace and justice, and be open, step by step, to a common hope, to coexistence among brothers and sisters.”

During the national theme of *Catholic and Living it*, let us offer in our daily prayers, the struggles of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East to allow them to witness God safely in their homeland. Through prayers and financial assistance, members can make a difference to those who suffer, work to restore their dignity and journey to independence.

Members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada look forward to supporting the yearly pilgrimage to the Holy Land when travel restrictions allow. Members who have attended previous pilgrimages continue to exhort the enriching and rewarding experience of visiting the Holy Lane where Jesus lived and walked.

May we continue to raise our prayers to the Holy Spirit for peace and justice for the Christians in the Holy Land.



Faith Anderson

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

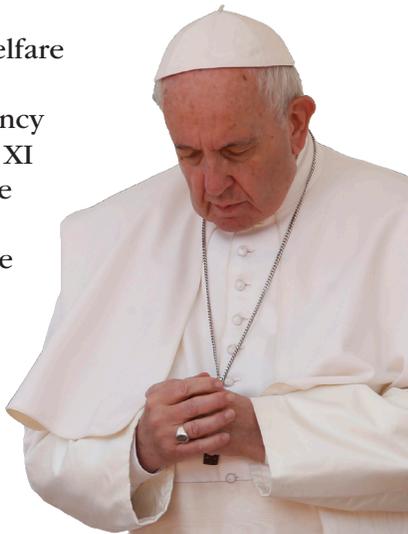
To make a donation through the national office, please fill out the National Voluntary Fund Remittance Form, where you can find Catholic Near East Welfare Association listed. Together with your cheque made payable to *The Catholic Women's League of Canada*, please send the form to the national office located at C-702 Scotland Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3M 1X5.

For individuals who would prefer a tax receipt, please donate directly to CNEWA Canada: by mail at 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa, ON, K1S 1C4, phone 1-866-322-4441 (toll-free) or visit cnewa.org/ca/donate.

In addition, we truly appreciate the support from League councils and members for CNEWA's work in Ukraine, which helps provide humanitarian aid to displaced families who have had to flee violence. cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine Many thanks as well for your generosity towards the League's *Care for our Common Home* initiative in India and Ethiopia. To learn more how the League has made a difference, please visit cnewa.org/ca/cwl-common-home.

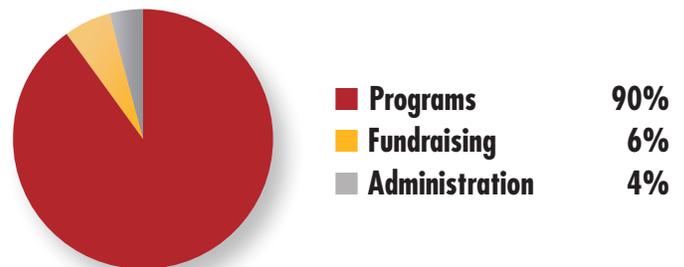
ABOUT CNEWA

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is a special papal agency created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 to support the Eastern churches in their service to people in need throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.



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