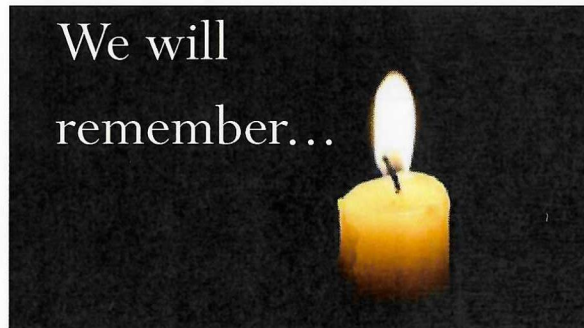


FROM THEN TO NOW

WE KNOW

- Most acts of violence are an attempt to assert power and control over others.
- In Canada, at least 1 in 3 women will experience either physical or sexual violence at some time in their adult life; a woman is murdered every 2.5 days.
- Violence against women can take many forms, including emotional, sexual, financial, psychological, cultural, spiritual and physical.
- Women in Canada make up the vast majority of victims of “crimes against the person” including : sexual assault, relationship violence (4 out of 5 victims of homicide are female), criminal harassment, and kidnapping or abduction.
- Violence touches women of all ages and all ethno-cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, but marginalized women are more vulnerable than others.
- **Equity, mutuality, trust and respect between men and women is the key to ending violence against women.**



WE RECALL the many women who have been and continue to be victims of violence. After each remembrance, the response will be: ***“We will remember”***

1. For all women, including the 14 in Montreal, who have been abused and murdered . ***We will remember.***
2. For our Aboriginal sisters who have gone missing, and/or have been murdered. ***We will remember.***
3. For our sisters and their loved ones lost, injured or still enduring violence in their homes and communities. ***We will remember.***
4. For our sisters who live through the terror of war and who must seek asylum. ***We will remember.***
5. For our sisters caught in the evils of trafficking. ***We will remember.***
6. For our sisters who suffer from the injustice of racism. ***We will remember.***
7. For all women and children who have fled to women’s shelters. ***We will remember.***
8. For our sisters who suffer from emotional or psychological abuse. ***We will remember.***
9. For our sisters who suffer the injustice of unemployment, poverty and homelessness. ***We will remember.***
10. For the healing of perpetrators of acts of violence. ***We will remember.***

*****A Time of Silent Reflection*****

Our hope for our community is that each and every one of us may now become instruments for change and action. **We will remember and we will become instruments for change and action.**