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London Diocesan Council



Environment Care

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Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new.” – Og Mandino



Environment: Our National President Anne Gorman has chosen the theme *Care for Our Common Home* as a focus for her term and in response to Pope Francis’s Encyclical *Laudato Si*. Check our website cwillondon.ca for theme resources with a lovely power point slide show and prayer. April is Earth Month with the big Earth Day on April 22nd. Why not consider this as a way to care for our common home? **Refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle.** Refuse to buy unsustainable products, reduce your consumption, reuse items and materials around your home, and recycle everything you can. All that clutter has to go somewhere, so make a choice not to bring it into the house to begin with and if it has to leave, make good choices about where it's going to end up!



Genetics: So why is the distinction between gene therapy and genetic enhancement important? The Catholic Church is clear that gene therapy is good, while genetic enhancement is morally wrong. Why? Gene therapy seeks to return a patient to normal human functioning. Genetic enhancement assumes that humanity’s normal state is flawed and lacking, that humanity’s natural biology needs “enhancing.” Genetic enhancement would intentionally and fundamentally alter a human being in ways not possible by nature, which means in ways God never intended. The goal of medical intervention must always be the natural development of a human being, respecting the patient’s inherent dignity and worth.



Health: April is Daffodil days Cancer Awareness month. Did you know that researchers in Belgium have discovered that an alkaloid extracted from daffodils can help shut down the “nanomachines” that tumors exploit to grow out of control? Wear a daffodil pin in April.



Education: Catholic Education week is May 5th-10th. The theme is “**Living as Joyful Disciples**”. Please support our Catholic schools.

*Have a prayer-filled Lent and a joyous Easter. See you
at Convention! Mary*