



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents, Parish Education & Health Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council, Karen McDonald, OPC Education & Health Chairperson

From: Mary Clare Latimer, Education & Health Chairperson

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Directive # 1

GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON Pope Francis has put his support behind an initiative urging Catholics throughout the world to **dedicate the month of May** to praying for an end to the pandemic. His wish is that it will “encourage the faithful, individuals, families and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic.” Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 12 noon (6 pm in Rome) from 30 Shrines in various parts of the world. Pope Francis will open the month on May 1 with a Rosary broadcast, as well as end with the Rosary on May 31. The broadcast will be available on all Vatican Media platforms - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You can also visit their YouTube channel by searching “Vatican News.”

Catholic Education Week 2021 begins on Sunday, May 2, 2021. The Catholic schools in your parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children’s school by going to your child’s school website and reading its newsletter. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is, “Nurturing Hope.” The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 was inspired by the following considerations:

- Recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si’ which will run through May 24, 2021, announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical, “On Caring for Our Common Home.”
- In the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, along with those consulted, and supported by feedback from the survey, for continuity with the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020, Igniting Hope, which has served so well during the spring recess from in-school instruction.
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

Mental Health Week - AMH Ontario

<https://amho.ca › mental-health-week>

National Hospice and Palliative Care Week, May 3-9, 2021 National is hosting a webinar on palliative care during. I ask for your support to spread the word of this webinar, so Canadians become more educated about palliative care. Everyone is welcome to register for the webinar, including members, family, friends, neighbours, etc. Please ask your diocesan counterparts to encourage members to attend.

Guest speaker Simone Stenekes is a clinical nurse specialist in palliative care in Manitoba and has a great deal of experience in this field.

Date: Saturday May 8, 2021

Time: 12-1 EST

Presenter: Simone Stenekes, Clinical Nurse Specialist

Topic: A Practical Discussion about Palliative Care in Canada

Register online through the national website at cwl.ca.

Blessings!

Mary Clare