



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council



Care for our
Common Home

To: All Parish Presidents, Education and Health Chairpersons,
CC: London Diocesan Council, Dara Hartman and Mary Kennedy (sub-committee members); OPC
Education and Health Chairperson Karen McDonald
From: Mary Bannon, First Vice-President, Education and Health

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“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it’s going to be a butterfly.”

Buckminster Fuller



Education: Back to school again – another year which will engage children in new opportunities for growth and change and empower them to be transformed into a different, better version of themselves. Change is always present in everyone’s lives. The changes proposed by the provincial government don’t necessarily enhance student growth. Prayers are always the first step then let’s take action by contacting our local MPPs and Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, to voice our concerns about the many cutbacks.



Health: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Have mammograms following our doctors’ recommendations. Encourage our female relatives and friends to also schedule mammograms and do self-examinations. For more knowledge about other symptoms check out www.cancer.ca. Search “breast cancer symptoms”. There is a fear of discovery in such exams and research but the Bible says “Do not be afraid” 366 times- yes, God even remembered the leap year! At the CWL National convention Catholic Health Alliance of Canada invited us to connect to: www.chac.ca/awaken.



Environment: I was pleased to see the tweet about the Windsor CWL ladies sharing a reflection day led by Sr. Linda Parent on the concerns facing us about water. They learned about the mounting pressures exerted upon water resources and millions of people lacking clean and safe drinking water and that three significant beliefs require global attention: Water: A Human Right, Water: A Sacred Gift, and Water: Shared in Common. I am sure they received a challenge to form a Blue Community. Here is the website which I mentioned in my last League Lingo article : www.Canadians.org/blue_communities



Genetics: I noticed in your year-end reports that perhaps some of you might like to know more about bioethics related to genetics and other life issues. The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute provides us with lots of information. The website is www.ccbi-utoronto.ca. That website will also provide Youtubes to view as well as subscribing to their free newsletter.

Blessings! **Mary**



Environment Care