



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents, Education and Health Chairperson
CC: London Diocesan Council, Karen McDonald OPC Education and Health Chairperson
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Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care will launch November 15-16, 2021. The development of this kit has been a four-year project by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in partnership with experts from the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Canada, Dominican University College and Pallium Canada. The high-level resource will assist parishioners in growing in their understanding of palliative care and church teaching on end-of-life questions.

Please share with their parish councils the promotional video found at youtu.be/JLm0YG8uX8E.

An expert panel will introduce the toolkit via a Zoom presentation on

Monday, November 15th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. EST. Register at:

cccb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsduGsqTgjEtw143bG5W76AECrpH8tz4xa.

Regional Chairpersons please share this open invitation with your parish councils.

November 24th: St. Paul University (Ottawa) is offering a free workshop on dementia and spirituality presented by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth MacKinlay. The workshop runs from 6:30 to 8:00p.m. EST. Registration is free at ustpaul.ca/en/dementia-and-spirituality_7468_17.htm.

Dr. MacKinlay is a registered nurse and a priest with the Anglican Church of Australia. She has conducted extensive research on issues of spirituality, wellbeing, frailty and dementia. She has also written two books on dementia entitled: *Finding Meaning in the Experience of Dementia* and *Facilitating Spiritual Reminiscence for People with Dementia: A Learning Guide*.

November 25th: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, sponsored by the United Nations. Coady Institute is offering a free webinar entitled, "1 Step Forward, 3 Steps Back? Addressing Gender-Based Violence in 2021" beginning at 9:00 a.m. CST.

According to the United Nations, one in three females will experience sexual violence from partners, non-partners or both. Females face potential violence in their homes, workplaces, schools and communities as well as online. This webinar will host several speakers from around the world talking about their work on addressing gender-based violence in 2021. Register at coady.stfx.ca/1-step-forward-3-steps-back/.

"Children in our World" from Physicians for Global Survival (PGS) books address current global issues of "Poverty and Hunger", "Refugees and Migrants", "Racism and Intolerance" and "Global Conflict" at an elementary school level, with sensitive definitions and explanations. St. Mary's Council, Peel Region council purchased 8 sets of hardcover books and the council was impressed with the beauty and sensitivity of these books and their depiction of social justice as rooted in the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching. They were finally able to deliver two sets to the libraries of each of their four parish elementary schools. The books were greatly appreciated.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email edhloncwl@gmail.com or by phone 519-358-6705, especially if you come across an educational or health concern that would be of interest to other members!

Advent blessings to all of you!

Mary Clare