



London Diocesan Council
Of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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To: All Parish Presidents, Education and Health Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council
From: Mary Maxwell, London Diocesan Chairperson, Education and Health
Date: January 23, 2016
Directive # 9

Happy New Year! We are certainly finally getting to enjoy the season of winter.

This is from Colleen Randall in her third directive as Education and Health chairperson on our Provincial Council.

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy – Palliative Care

At the fall meeting of the national executive, members deliberated on the many aspects of mercy to focus on during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy that began on December 8th. The recurring theme was the corporal work of mercy through palliative care. With the recent political landscape on physician-assisted suicide, it is more important than ever that members answer the call to accompany those who are on the journey of dying and being reborn into eternal life. Palliative care is a basic human need that everyone deserves. Councils need to educate members and their communities on what constitutes good palliative care and then inspire members to action through volunteering the gift of themselves to accompany others on their journey.

Parish councils will soon be receiving in the mail a new brochure on the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy along with a letter from the national president and pledge cards for councils to sign and mail back to national office. These pledge cards will be sent as a spiritual bouquet of the League's corporal works of mercy to the Holy Father. Members will be asked to pledge their support through action towards good palliative care.

Mental Health- Bell Let's Talk Day is January 27th, 2016 This is from their website:

5 simple ways to help end the stigma around mental illness. Talking is the way towards meaningful change and building greater awareness, acceptance and action.

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1. Language matters - Words can help or hurt. Pay attention to the words you use.
2. Educate yourself - Learn the facts and myths about mental illness. Be knowledgeable and help fight stigma with facts.
3. Be kind - Small acts of kindness speak volumes.
4. Listen and ask -.Sometimes it's best to just listen. Don't trivialize someone's illness.
5. Talk about it - Start a dialogue not a debate. Break the silence. Support mental health and anti-stigma programs in your community.

Scholarships and Bursaries:

From reading your annual reports, many parishes in our diocese are very generous in the establishment and disbursement of bursaries for various ages and academic purposes. At the diocesan level, we also have bursaries.

Attached to this directive are the forms for the application of the London Diocesan Spiritual Advisors Bursary and the J. L. Hennessey Bursary.

Check the forms carefully for the criteria, and the application procedure. Applications must be mailed or faxed to the Diocesan President no later than April 1, 2016
May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless our work "For God and Canada"

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Maxwell



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J. L. Hennessey Bursary Application Form

J.L. Hennessey Education Bursary

The London Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League originally founded this bursary many years ago as the Diocesan Education Award. In 1972, the name of the bursary was changed to the J.L. Hennessey Education Bursary to honour a man who devoted his time tirelessly for God, Canada and his fellow man. Father J.L. Hennessey was a London Diocesan Catholic Women's League Spiritual Advisor.

This bursary is available to any League member or her immediate family. It shall be used to finance education at any level: university, community colleges, technical school, etc.

The names of the J.L. Hennessey Education Bursary recipients are not made public.

Please send the following by mail or fax to the Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League by April 1:

- Signed application form
- Letter outlining financial need
- Letter from the pastor of your council confirming financial need

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to Member: _____

Joined C.W.L. in _____

Name of Parish Council: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Spiritual Advisor's Bursary Application Form
Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Bursary

This bursary is available to any League members only. It shall be used to finance education at any level: university, college, technical school, etc. The names of the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Bursary recipients are not made public.

Please send the following by mail or fax to the Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League by April 1.

- Signed application form
- Letter outlining financial need
- Letter from the Pastor of your parish confirming financial need

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

When did you join the Catholic Women's League? _____

Name of Parish Council: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Proposed Studies including name and location of institution:

Signature: _____

Date: _____