



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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and **LIVING IT!**

London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents, Education and Health Chairperson
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*Ask Him.....to help you appreciate the reality that “love “is an “action” word
Jane Trufant Harvey*

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care provided by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). One idea might be to have a parish presentation with a silver collection donated to the National Voluntary Fund for the CCCB Palliative Care Kit (a temporary recipient until August 2023).

National Chairperson of Education and Health Margaret Schwab advises: "In March 2023, the federal government will review medical assistance in dying (MAiD) legislation again. This time, the discussion will be about eligibility for individuals with mental illness as their sole underlying medical condition. It is a frightening step, and members need to advocate through letter writing and prayer for more funding for better mental health care. It is unthinkable that people would choose death because they do not have access to the help, they need to choose life." (Communiqué #05 - April 7, 2022) <https://cwl.ca/communiqué-5-education-and-health/>

"The League has taken a position that urges the federal government to identify palliative care as an insured health service covered under the Canada Health Act and develop a national strategy for uniform standards and delivery of palliative care as defined by the World Health Organization. It is crucial to remind government officials that this has not been accomplished." (Memo – April 11, 2022)

Palliative care postcards are available through the National website www.cwl.ca or more specifically at <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/180-Palliative-Care-Postcard.pdf>. Print sign and mail postcards to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau - Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos - Minister of Health; and The Honourable Carolyn Bennett – Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health.

Arrange to meet with your local member of parliament. Provide postcards to family, friends, neighbours, co-workers. Consider a mass intention to pray for continued availability of hospice palliative care. Members are asked to keep praying since there is continued pressure being placed upon our local hospices to offer medical assistance in dying (MAiD) onsite.

The National CWL Dignity Conserving Care Webinar with Dr. Margaret Cottle held this past Saturday, May 7th is now available on the national website (www.cwl.ca) as of Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Here is the link - <https://youtu.be/jDEiVHm1jM4>

World Catholic Education Day is May 26th

This is a time to celebrate with our Catholic schools; councils could offer a mass for the schools in the parish or send a thank you to the staff for their commitment to their faith. Include those in parishes who are sharing their faith with children preparing to receive sacraments this spring.

Human Trafficking, Canada's Secret Shame - How it Happens and How it can be Prevented

Sat, May 28, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1827275498232974095>

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is pleased to offer a webinar session on human trafficking. Statistics indicate that 95% of victims of human trafficking are women and girls and 43% of all victims of human trafficking were between the ages of 18 and 24. Presenter Joy Smith, B.Ed, M.Ed. is one of Canada's leading anti-human trafficking activists. She led the discussion on human trafficking at the national level which resulted in important changes to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Catholic Social Teaching

The League, through the implementation committee, is pleased to provide members with the document *Existing Programs and Courses on Catholic Social Teaching*. The document is filled with resources listed under each province and includes a resource from the United States. In addition, a code legend is provided for easy reference to help members identify the various categories under each heading. The resource offers an opportunity for interested members to expand and grow in their knowledge of Catholic Social Teachings. The document can be found on the National Website under the 600 Series: Manuals. <https://cwl.ca/resources/600-series-manuals/>

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!

Blessings to all of you!

Mary Clare