



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

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*Ask Him.....to help you appreciate the reality that love is an action word.
Jane Trufant Harvey*

Happy New Year!

Newly Revised League Resources

League resources have been updated to reflect the new executive structure with the 2022 constitutional amendments. These include the Constitution & Bylaws (2022), National Manual of Policy and Procedure and other League resources, toolkits, etc. now posted on the national website in the [600 Series Manuals](#). The Executive Handbook has been discontinued.

Single-Use Plastics Ban

The manufacture and import of single-use plastic (SUP) for sale in Canada ban came into effect on Dec. 20, 2022 and will no longer be available for purchase by Dec. 20, 2023. “Canadians throw away over 3 million tonnes of plastic waste every year” and only 9% is recycled!

- [Guidance for Selecting Alternatives to Single-use Plastics](#)
- [Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations Technical Guidelines](#)
- [Factsheet Exceptions for Single-use Plastic Flexible Straws](#)

Canadian Blood Services: CWL Blood Donors

The previous link for members to donate blood through Canadian Blood Services is inactive. Members wishing to donate blood are to visit blood.ca/ Select ways-donate/partners-life/group-donations-and-pledge-based-partnerships. Members will need to complete the registration to set up a new donor account if they do not have one. Once the account is set up, then choose Partners for Life to join an existing team which is the “The Catholic Women’s League of Canada.”

“WE Can Do Better! Domestic Violence in Canada.”

National is pleased to host this webinar to educate and inform all members

Saturday, February 11, 2023 12:00 –1:00 p.m. EST

Cost: \$5.00 per registrant. The proceeds will be donated to Willow Place, Manitoba’s largest and most utilized family violence shelter provider.

To register <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7033748934435605338>

CWL Bursary Funds Please encourage your members to take courses and to apply!

LONDON DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL ADVISOR BURSARY <http://www.cwllondon.ca/Forms.html>

This bursary is available to any League member only. It shall be used to finance education at any level: university, college, technical school, etc. Applications to the London Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Bursary (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) must be submitted to London Diocesan Catholic Women’s League President ie. emailed or postmarked by **April 1st**. Applications must be completed on the official application form.

LONDON DIOCESAN J.L. HENNESSEY EDUCATION BURSARY

<http://www.cwllondon.ca/Forms.html>

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. Applications to the London Diocesan J.L. Hennessey Education Bursary (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) must be submitted to London Diocesan Catholic Women’s League President ie. emailed or postmarked by **April 1st**. Applications must be completed on the official application form.

NATIONAL BURSARY FUND Applications to the National Bursary Fund (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) must be submitted to national office and postmarked by **May 15th**. Applications must be completed on the official form (use this link):

<https://cwl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/552-National-Bursary-Application-Form-2021.pdf>

ON.22.02 National Strategy to Address Loneliness

The Loneliness resolution was adopted at the Ontario Provincial Council 75th AMM/Convention in July 2022. The resolution asked for the federal government to develop a national strategy, including creating a Minister responsible for loneliness and the establishment of a commission to address the negative impact of isolation and loneliness on individuals through policy making and program delivery.

The resolution was forwarded to Margaret Schwab, National Chairperson of Education and Health. Margaret now has an article on **Reducing Loneliness** (pg. 8) in [The Canadian League – Winter 2023](#) and attached.

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