

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council**

Education and Health

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Communiqué 1

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TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Chairpersons of Education and Health
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Education and Health (for information)
FROM: Claudette Peters Provincial Council Chairperson of Education and Health

I am looking forward to being in the role of provincial chairperson of Education and Health. I have been a CWL member for more than 10 years. I have just started being more involved and learning what a wonderful organization this is, and the good works being done.

I am married, have 3 children, 2 stepchildren and 2 grand children. I am partially retired, only working part-time. I look forward to increasing my knowledge in this role and imparting that knowledge to others.

I have watched the webinar by Dr Margret Cottle titled, "Dignity Conserving Care: practical ways to accompany one another in faith, hope and love." This has been recorded and is available on the CWL website under the "To Inform" tab. There is also a toolkit available from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops titled, Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative care." This toolkit is supported as a national voluntary fund, and parish councils are invited to help with the cost of development.

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.

Members should be reminded of the League's ongoing commitment to provide 200 donations of blood this year in partnership with Canadian Blood Services. Seniors can donate blood as long as their health is good. The League Partner ID with Canadian Blood Services is **CATH011269**. Details for setting up an account can be found in the education and health communiqué [#4](#) on cwl.ca.

*Remember that the Christian life is one
of action, not of speech and daydream.*

Let there be few words and many deeds and let them be done well.

St Vincent

Claudette Peters
Provincial Education and Health Chairperson