

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

Education and Health

April 16, 2023



Communiqué 3

Catholic and Living It

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

In the recent communique by Margaret Schwab, National Chairperson of Education and Health we learned that in February a League delegation attended meetings in Ottawa with various political leaders regarding members' concerns expressed through resolutions.

Resolution 2015.1 Increased Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Health Services

Resolution 2015.02 Ban Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products

Members can read the entire report on the government visit in the spring issue of The Canadian League.

In February, Manitoba Provincial Council met with the government of Manitoba to discuss previous provincial resolutions from past Annual meetings. Many resolutions had to do with Education and Health.

Resolution 2017.01 Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) and Environmental Sensitivities

Resolution 2016.01 Extending Coverage of Insulin Pumps and Supplies to Manitobans of all ages.

Resolution 2014.02 Herpes zoster Vaccine coverage under Manitoba Health for persons 60 years and older

Resolution 2014.03 Expiry dates on Prescription labels

Resolution 2013.05 Coverage of Psychologists Services in Private Practice under Manitoba Health Benefits

Stay tuned for further information; from the government's response to these resolutions and more, to be posted on the provincial website.

Margaret encouraged members to visit the CWL website and go to "Quick Links" and click on Palliative Care Kit. There you will find information on the "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care". It was chosen to run simultaneously with the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association's National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 7-13, 2023. It is hoped that more councils can meet in person, taking precautions as they see fit. With that in mind, the "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" Kit can be

used as a parish project, inviting all to join in a day of prayer for this important topic. For those not yet comfortable meeting in person, praying in your home is also an acceptable use of this kit. Any day during the week of May 7-13 can be assigned as your 12 hours of prayer. Two webinars will be available for the week of 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.

Ontario Provincial Council is presenting the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care to assist caregivers and family members facing a terminal illness to understand palliative care from a theological, ethical and medical perspective. Presenters will be parish nurse and Life Member Shirley Christo, MHSc, MEd, and Dr. Moira McQueen, PhD, on Monday, May 8th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CDT). The registration deadline is Sunday, May 7th. Register by contacting Shaila D'Souza at shailaflavy@gmail.com.

The second webinar, "Bridging the Divide: Forging Connections in Hospice Palliative care between Rural and Urban Centers"; offered by the national council, will be on Saturday, May 13th, at 9:00 a.m. (CDT). The presenter will be Mary-Anne Parker, an end-of-life researcher working with the Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association. Registration is available at attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5402834542918873181.

A reminder to members that the closing date for applications for the National Bursary Fund is May 15th. You are encouraged to look at the criteria. Many are already taking further education to aid in their ministries, and the National Bursary Fund is there to assist.

As you share your life with others by being Catholic and Living It! may Our Lady of Good Counsel always be at your side.

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February 2, 2023



Communiqué 2

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CC: National Chairperson of Education and Health (for information)
FROM: Claudette Peters Provincial Council Chairperson of Education and Health

In the recent communique by Margaret Schwab, National Chairperson of Education and Health we are encouraged to take time to educate ourselves on the mental health crisis that is happening in our world. January 25 was Bell Let's Talk Day. This year they donated \$10 million dollars to mental health programs. Even though the day has passed, mental health difficulties occur through out the year. The information, resources and tools are still available on <https://letstalk.bell.ca> website. In March 2024, 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. I urge members to visit www.nooptionsnochoice.com website.

The deadline for applications to the National Bursary Fund is May 15th. Qualified recipients may receive up to \$1,000 per year and up to \$4,000 in a lifetime. As 2023 begins, members may be thinking about increasing their spiritual knowledge or taking on a ministry that requires some training. We are encouraged to read the criteria and application requirements found at cwl.ca. The National Bursary Fund is for the support of education for members and is often underutilized.

World Water Day is March 22nd. The United Nations has 17 Sustainable Development Goals— one of which is to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030. Statistics show the target will not be met within seven years. In fact, 1.6 billion people will continue to lack safely managed drinking water and 2.8 billion will lack safely managed sanitation. To meet the 2030 target, it will take governments, businesses and all people to increase the pace of progress by four times. The UN 2023 Water Conference (the first conference of its kind) is taking place March 22nd -24th. We are asked to pray that this conference will conclude with all governments making a serious commitment to helping those without access to clean drinking water and good sanitation. All individuals must do what they can to manage water and waste responsibly. The theme for World Water Day is Accelerating Change. It has been 30 years since the very first World Water Day, yet little improvement has been made. Each member can contribute through education, prayer and action. Many small actions can have significant results.

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Provincial Education and Health Chairperson

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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.

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