To: All Parish Presidents, Education and Health Chairperson

CC: London Diocesan Council, Karen McDonald OPC Education and Health Chairperson

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Directive #6

Ask Him.....to gently remind you that sometimes His timing won't coincide with your schedule Jane Trufant Harvey

The League's initial mandate was to help new citizens of Canada – a country where health care and education are but two of the reasons Canada is held in such high regard. (CWL Executive Handbook – May 2014, page EDH-55)

The Education and Health Standing Committee is asked to focus on these topics:

- Catholic Education (i) Catholic schools and catechesis (ii) rites of Christian initiation
- literacy and continuing education
- scholarships and bursaries
- wellness and sickness/disease
- environment
- genetics

Three of the responsibilities of the Education and Health Standing Committee include:

Studying and promoting ecologically sound practices.

WORLD WATER DAY March 22, 2022 Celebrated annually to focus our attention on the global water crisis

FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE March 25, 2022 Youth-led global climate movement celebrated annually

EARTH DAY April 22, 2022 Celebrated annually to raise awareness about environmental protection

Encouraging members' involvement in organizations providing health care, palliative care, and crisis intervention.

HORIZONS OF HOPE: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care project https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/launch-of-the-toolkit-for-parishes-horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/

National Hospice Palliative Care Week May 1-7, 2022

Members are asked to participate in the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care CWL initiative Palliative care postcard available at www.cwl.ca or https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/180-Palliative-Care-Postcard.pdf

Sign and send postcards to the prime minister, federal and provincial ministers of health, and/or meet personally with your local members of parliament or legislative assembly. Make postcards available before and after Mass during National Palliative Care Week. Circulate postcards to family, friends and coworkers. "For what matters at the end of life is not so much to add days to life, but to add life to the remaining days." (Maison McCulloch Hospice brochure - Sudbury, ON)

Encouraging members to take courses and to apply to available CWL Bursary Funds.

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):

 $\underline{https://cwl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/552-National-Bursary-Application-Form-2021.pdf}$

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.

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!

Spring and Lenten blessings to all of you!

Mary Clare