

a reality for our brothers and sisters in less advantaged parts of our world community!

I would like to close with a short prayer from Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie's *Northern Nuggets and Southern Sage*:

Lord, we believe in You,  
help us to believe in one another.  
Strengthen not only our faith in You,  
but also our faith in each other.  
Help us to realize that we come to You best  
through one another.  
Grant that we might put flesh  
to Your inner spirit of love,  
By our trust in others and  
our acceptance of others as they are.  
Grant us new life through faith and fellowship.  
Amen. †

## EDUCATION AND HEALTH



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“Through service to the people of God” – so ends our mission statement. The education and health standing committee provides members

with many opportunities to serve others. One way in which the national executive meets the second object of the League “to promote the teachings of the Catholic church” is through the National Bursary Fund.

In 1990, the League established an endowment fund with money received in 1988 from two generous donations. Since 1991, the interest earned on that money has been used for bursaries for members needing financial assistance to pursue studies in adult faith formation and/or youth ministry. In the past 19 years, 549 members received bursaries, and the total amount paid for 18 of those years was \$181,733.20.

This year, 29 members applied, and 24 bursaries ranging from \$195.00 to \$500.00 were awarded. Five applicants did not meet the criteria: three did not have the required number of years of service; one planned to enroll in a U.S. college course; and one failed to meet the criterion of an adult faith formation course/program. The total value of bursaries awarded this year was \$11,128.45. The national executive is pleased to offer this support to members so they can learn more about their faith, and then, pass on what they have learned to others.

The national voluntary fund for the Coady International Institute provides bursaries, usually three but sometimes four, to support women taking the diploma in community-based development at the institute. Today, these women, and other

graduates along with partners, are working with millions of people to build a fair, prosperous and secure world, one community at a time.

In 1961, the League made its first donation of \$1,000 to support women who came to study at the institute. Since that time, the money donated has increased, and the total this year is \$30,479.66, an increase of eight percent from 2008.

Donations to the MaterCare International national voluntary fund were up as well. The total is \$38,444.39, an increase of five percent. Thank you for your donations to these two funds.

Have you used the *CWL Day of Peace & Hope Activities Kit* in your council? One of the activities under education and health is a workshop on palliative care. I *hope* some of you have used it. If you have not, I encourage you to do so.

Have you completed the palliative care survey in your council? If you have not, get a copy from your president or from the Web site under Education and Health. You will find it in my second communiqué. Some provincial councils have sent in the results of the survey, but unfortunately, some have not. It is important that all provincial councils respond so the overall picture of palliative care in Canada will be more complete. I thank councils that have sent in the results already.

I encourage you to become involved in palliative care in your communities. You might not feel that you can be a palliative care volunteer, but there are other ways you can offer your help and support. We can help nurture a culture of life through our work in promoting and supporting palliative care. What a service that is!

In light of the threat of the H1N1 virus, I urge you to take good care of yourselves. Wash your hands often and well. Eat healthy foods, exercise and get plenty of rest.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us as we strive to answer the call to holiness “through service to the people of God.” †

## COMMUNICATIONS



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As *Women of Peace and Hope*, the lyrics of Diana Ross, “Reach out and touch somebody’s hand, make this world a better place, if you can...” could be our mantra.

The image of a colony of bees springs to mind. The colony is actively and harmoniously clustered close together around its queen. In our case, we are clustered enthusiastically around the

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