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MEMO

To: Parish Council Chairpersons of Education and Health
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Presidents and Life Members (on request)
From: Nancy Simms, National Chairperson of Education and Health
Date: April 22, 2016

Spring is in the Air!!

Spring is a time of new beginnings and new growth. A time to shed the hibernation and step into the light and warmth of the sun! Along with spring arrives Easter, a joyous time of God's gift of new beginnings as we walk and work together in the light and warmth of His beloved Son with *One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*.

Youth Mental Health

Resolution 2015.01 Increased Early Access and Intervention to Children and Youth Mental Health Services outlined the need for increased early intervention and access to children and youth mental health programs, a shared federal and provincial/territorial responsibility.

Enclosed are six postcards to help members take action. Please download the postcard from www.cwl.ca under the "Resources" tab and arrange for the printing of more postcards with your local print shop. Encourage members to fill in their return address on the postcards and mail them to their member of the legislative assembly, provincial minister of health and premier. Postcards should also be sent to their member of parliament, the federal minister of health and the prime minister of Canada c/o House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6.

If we work together with one voice we can stop the tragedy of teen suicide!

Palliative Hospice Care Pledge Cards

The Holy Father has chosen this year as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Aptly, the national theme is *One Heart, One Voice, One Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care*. We are called to focus on outward expressions of mercy towards our brothers and sisters as they reach the end of their lives. Pope Francis calls us to be the visible face of Christ in the world.

In December 2015, individual and council pledge cards were mailed to every parish council. The individual cards should be photocopied and distributed within your parish, giving each member the opportunity to reflect and pray on how she can carry out this special mission. Completed pledge cards are to be mailed back to national office. They will then be compiled and given to the Holy Father as a spiritual bouquet at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

Just imagine the impact we will have on lives if the League's over 80,000 members pledge and take action on hospice and palliative care! Your pledge will make a difference!

Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

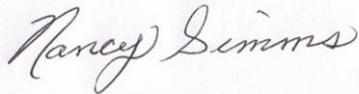
National Hospice Palliative Care Week is May 1-7, 2016. The national executive has a vision for May 4th to unite all people of Canada with one heart in prayer for increased availability and access to quality palliative care. If your president has not already received a package of information on this in the mail, request one from national office. Read the information and encourage your parish to take part in this wonderful opportunity to be united in prayer across Canada.

National Bursary

Remind members that the national bursary program has been changed to distribute bursaries twice a year. Deadlines for applications to be submitted to national office are now May 31st and November 30th. Also, applicants may receive reimbursement for courses they have already taken. The new bursary form is found at www.cwl.ca under "Resources" then "Forms". Encourage members to apply.

May God continue to bless each of you in your dedicated work through education and health!

Your Sister in the League,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Simms". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Nancy Simms
National Chairperson of Education and Health