

Education and Health

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Communiqué #06

Catholic and Living It!

TO: Provincial Chairpersons of Education and Health
CC: National Executive (for information)
National Life Member Liaison (for information)
FROM: Margaret Schwab, National Chairperson of Education and Health

A gentle spring rain this weekend was well received by the thirsty, dusty land left over from winter. Outside my window, I see the buds on the trees have burst open grateful to receive the moisture. Although the four seasons each have their own attributes, spring always seems the most exciting.

Please advise your diocesan counterparts to pass on information about *Laudato Si'* Week (May 22-29) and ask that they urge members to get involved. Find help with ideas, prayers and inspiration at laudatosiweek.org and laudatosimovement.org/. Another source of information for caring for the earth is a Canadian organization called Faith & the Common Good in Toronto. Learn more about this organization and read its newsletters at faithcommongood.org. Members can all do some part; even a small action like taking along a bag to place garbage in while enjoying a spring walk would be helpful.

One last reminder that the National Bursary Fund's application period is closing soon. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15th. Please ask your diocesan counterparts to remind members that successful applicants for the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation would be considered for this bursary to assist them in their studies. There are many educational opportunities for women to participate in that would assist them in their volunteer work. Hopefully, members are exploring these opportunities.

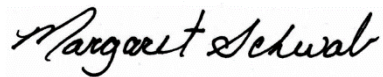
National Hospice and Palliative Care Week will have just ended as you receive this. Please remind diocesan chairpersons that the webinar by Dr. Margaret Cottle, "Dignity Conserving Care: practical ways to accompany one another in faith, hope and love," has been recorded and is available at cwl.ca.

Spring is also a good time for members to view the *Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care*, produced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is not just for parishes but would also make for an interesting meeting idea with online resources. This toolkit is supported as a national voluntary fund, and parish councils are invited to help with the cost of development.

Members should be reminded of the League's ongoing commitment to provide 200 donations of blood this year in partnership with Canadian Blood Services. I was surprised at the number of parish councils that reported in the annual survey that they did not know about this partnership. Chairpersons need to get the word out. Some have asked if senior citizens can donate blood. The answer is "yes" as long as 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.

With spring comes convention time. It is so exciting to be able to meet in person again. I urge you to take care, continue to be vigilant with hand washing and stay home if you are not feeling well. This pandemic will be here for some time longer, and we need to keep each other healthy.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel walk beside you daily.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Schwab". The script is cursive and fluid.

Margaret Schwab
National Chairperson of Education and Health