



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**FROM:** Dorothy Johansen, national chairperson of Christian family life  
**FOR:** Parish chairpersons of Christian family life  
**THROUGH:** Parish presidents and secretaries  
**CC:** Diocesan and provincial presidents and secretaries and life members  
(on request)

Dear chairpersons,

In 2025, a gathering of Catholic families for the Jubilee Year will take place in Rome, with the 11<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families held in 2028.

### **Sanctity of Life**

The 26<sup>th</sup> National March for Life is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Information is available at [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca).

The League has informational pamphlets (#305 Pro-life brochure) available on the national website ([cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca)) and two workshops (#809 Euthanasia and #825 Workshop on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide) to help inform members about these topics and the League's position on them. Resources are also available from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) at [cccb.ca](http://cccb.ca) and Euthanasia Prevention Coalition at [epcc.ca](http://epcc.ca).

Please refer to the joint Christian family life and legislation communiqué for information on how members can oppose the expansion of medical assistance in dying in Canada.

### **Ministry to:**

**Youth:** World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people aged 14-30. It will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from August 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and is preceded by Days in the Diocese. Councils are encouraged to support the youth in their parish to attend this gathering and to consider one of the attendees to speak on their journey of faith in attending the event at a council meeting.

**Disabled:** The CCCB has information on how to include the disabled in faith communities. *At Worship with the Disabled* is available at [cccb.ca](http://cccb.ca).

**Seniors:** National Seniors Day (October 1<sup>st</sup>) is an occasion where members can celebrate older adults. Encourage members and your council to acknowledge seniors and their vast contributions to society and show how much they are appreciated every day of the year.

**Widowed:** Does your parish host sessions for grief counselling, such as those offered by The Centre for the Grief Journey ([griefjourney.com](http://griefjourney.com))? Are there other programs your parish uses that you could share?

**Separated, Divorced:** The *Annulments Today, Merciful and Just* brochure, written in plain language, is available from the national website for distribution to members and possibly in your parish with the approval of your priest. An informative article and video, *Belief Briefs: What is an Annulment?*, are also available from the Archdiocese of Toronto at [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org).

**Vocations:** Consider providing information to your council on the different religious vocations available for women. The Archdiocese of Edmonton's website's Consecrated Life page ([caedm.ca](http://caedm.ca)) has links to the various orders, and many have information about becoming a vowed member or an associate. Also, look for World Day of Prayer for Vocations (April 30<sup>th</sup>) resources.