

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the testing of a new annual reporting system. As parish education and health standing committee chairpersons, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing this annual report. It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what your members interests are.

* 1. Name of Chairperson:

* 2. Name of Parish Council:

* 3. Parish Town:

* 4. Diocese:

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| <input type="radio"/> Antigonish | <input type="radio"/> Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Saint John |
| <input type="radio"/> Alexandria-Cornwall | <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> St. John's |
| <input type="radio"/> Bathurst | <input type="radio"/> Moncton | <input type="radio"/> St. Paul |
| <input type="radio"/> Calgary | <input type="radio"/> Montreal | <input type="radio"/> Saskatoon |
| <input type="radio"/> Charlottetown | <input type="radio"/> Nelson | <input type="radio"/> Sault Ste. Marie |
| <input type="radio"/> Corner Brook and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Ottawa | <input type="radio"/> Sherbrooke |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmonton | <input type="radio"/> Pembroke | <input type="radio"/> Thunder Bay |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmundston | <input type="radio"/> Peterborough | <input type="radio"/> Timmins |
| <input type="radio"/> Grand Falls | <input type="radio"/> Prince Albert | <input type="radio"/> Toronto |
| <input type="radio"/> Grouard-McLennan | <input type="radio"/> Prince George | <input type="radio"/> Valleyfield |
| <input type="radio"/> Halifax-Yarmouth | <input type="radio"/> Quebec | <input type="radio"/> Vancouver |
| <input type="radio"/> Hamilton | <input type="radio"/> Regina | <input type="radio"/> Victoria |
| <input type="radio"/> Hearst | <input type="radio"/> St. Boniface | <input type="radio"/> Whitehorse |
| <input type="radio"/> Kamloops | <input type="radio"/> St. Catharines | <input type="radio"/> Winnipeg |
| <input type="radio"/> Keewatin-The Pas | <input type="radio"/> St. Hyacinthe | <input type="radio"/> Not applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> Kingston | <input type="radio"/> St. Jean-Longueuil | |
| <input type="radio"/> London | <input type="radio"/> St. Jerome | |

* 5. Province:

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| <input type="radio"/> Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> New Brunswick | <input type="radio"/> Quebec |
| <input type="radio"/> B.C. & Yukon | <input type="radio"/> Newfoundland and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Prince Edward Island |
| <input type="radio"/> Manitoba | <input type="radio"/> Nova Scotia | <input type="radio"/> Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> Ontario | |

Catholic Education

Catholic education strives for the development of the human person in every aspect of his/her being, in order the he/she may develop spiritually, physically and socially.

* 6. Have you become informed about the quality and availability of Catholic religious instruction in your parish and local area schools?

Yes

No

* 7. Have you actively encouraged parental participation in all areas of school activities?

Yes

No

8. Have you investigated the needs of local schools that could be met by your parish council? If so, what needs were identified?

After school supervision

Field trip or recess supervision

Breakfast programs

Tutoring

Clothing drives

I haven't done so.

Extracurricular activities

Other (please specify)

* 9. Are you aware of the family life programs being taught in your local schools?

Yes

No

* 10. Have you personally become involved in the sacramental initiation programs in your parish?

Yes

No

* 11. How many members of your council participate in the sacramental initiation programs offered by your parish?

Number of members
involved:

Literacy and Continuing Education

Pope John Paul II chose to address to topic of illiteracy in his 1995 Lenten message as "the hidden evil which deprives a great number of poor people of many possibilities for progress." Education is a life-long process.

* 12. Have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills?

Yes

No

* 13. How many members in your council are trained literacy tutors?

Number of members:

Scholarship and Bursaries

Support the National Bursary Fund and the Coady International Institute Fund. These funds assist members or potential lay leaders from abroad to take courses which will prepare them to serve in their communities.

* 14. Have you compiled a list of scholarships and bursaries that are available and could be accessed by Catholic women to further their education?

Yes

No

15. Does your council provide a bursary or scholarship or provide funds to another bursary or scholarship. Who are the recipients?

	Provide a bursary	Provide a scholarship	Contribute to a bursary fund	Contribute to a scholarship fund
Catholic Christian Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic women furthering their education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elementary aged children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High school students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NET Ministries of Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
University/college students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

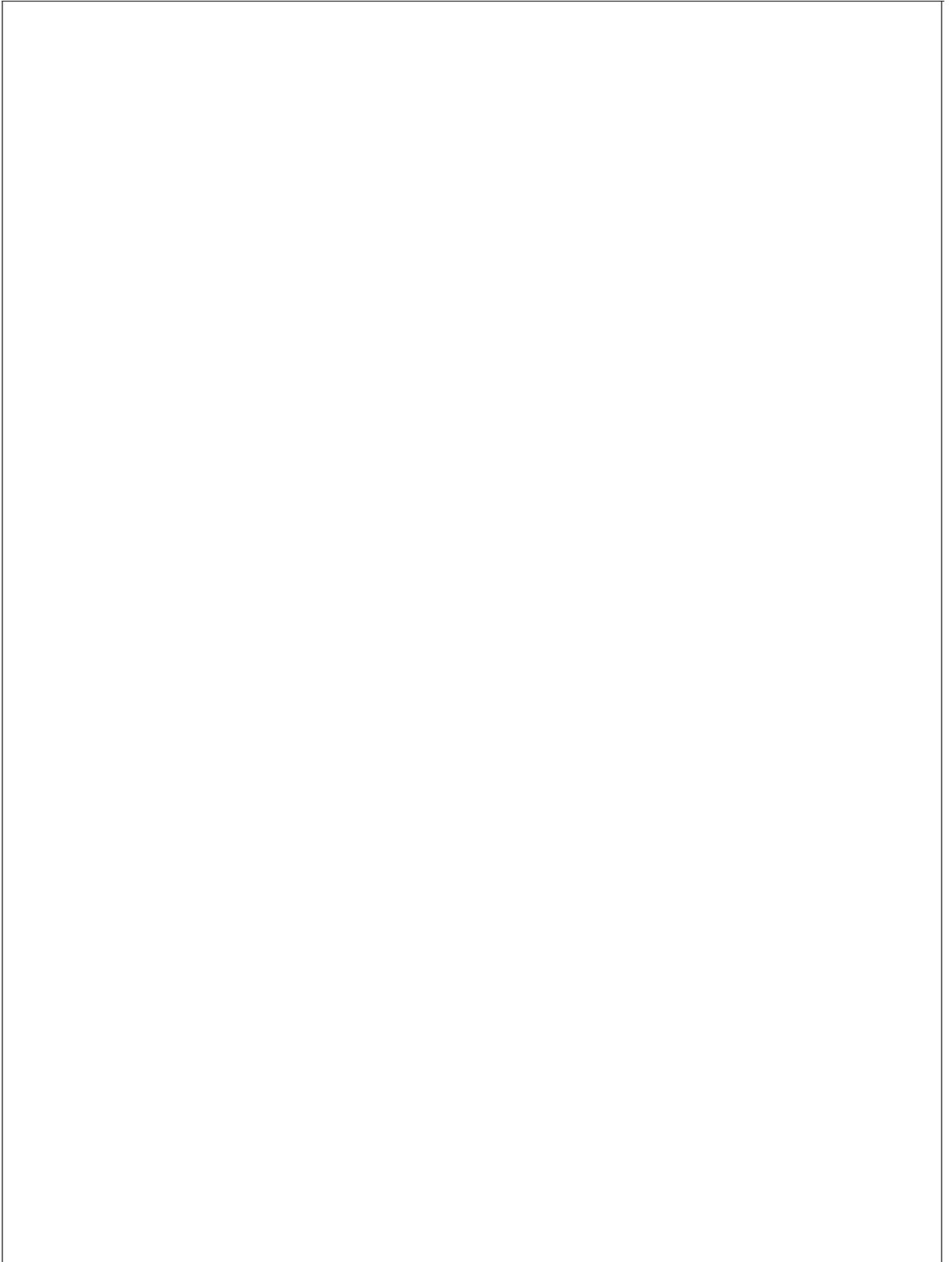
* 16. Have you promoted the National Bursary Fund and/or the Coady International Institute?

	Yes	No
National Bursary Fund	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coady International Institutes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 17. How much has your council contributed in 2015 toward:

the National Bursary Fund?

Coady International Institute?



Wellness and Sickness/Disease

It is vitally important that we work for universal access and excellence of quality in the health care system.

18. Has your council supported any of the following national or international organizations?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer Society of Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Health Alliance of Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis Society [The] | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Wish Foundation of Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Relay for Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Cancer Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart & Stroke Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Diabetes Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Foundation of Canada [The] | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Mental Health Association | <input type="checkbox"/> MaterCare International | |

Other (please specify)

19. Providing adequate and accessible palliative care across Canada has become a touchstone issue in the debate against euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in recent months. The League has often referred to Resolution 2007.03 Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System and has requested the federal government to develop and provide a strategy. Has your council supported this national initiative by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting at centres that provide palliative care | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing letters to the federal minister of health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing a seminar on palliative care | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing letters to the federal minister of justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raising awareness within your parish and your families | <input type="checkbox"/> We have not supported this initiative at this time. |

Other (please specify)

20. Resolution 2014.02 Electronic Cigarettes and Resolution 2014.03 Flavoured Tobacco Products Ban both express concern about the availability and use of alternative tobacco products in Canada and the effect of these products on the health of Canadians. What steps has your council taken to address these issues?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocated for a national educational campaign from Health Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Written to the federal minister of health requesting a ban on the products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arranged for a guest speaker on the topic | <input type="checkbox"/> Written to provincial regulatory bodies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raised awareness with parishioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution 2014.02 is not a priority for my council. |

* 21. Resolution 2014.04 National Standard for Newborn Screening Including Screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency described the patchwork of standards across Canada for newborn screening. Has your council written a letter to the federal minister of health requesting that a national standard be implemented for newborn screening?

Yes

No

* 22. Resolution 2015.01 Increased Early Access and Intervention to Children and Youth Mental Health Services is concerned about the 1.2 to 2 million children who lack access to appropriate and timely mental health treatment. What steps has your council taken to address this issue?

Written the federal minister of health to invest in early intervention and access to youth suicide prevention initiatives and programs.

Written to provincial ministers of health urging them to increase access to appropriate supports, treatment and care for youth mental health services.

Provided information and resources to the public regarding the need for youth mental health services.

Resolution 2015.01 is not a priority for my council.

23. Did your council act on any of the following other health and wellness resolutions and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government	Provided volunteer services	Provided monetary contributions
1980.14 Food Additives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1989.03 Christian Response to AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1994.04 Prescription and No-Prescription Drug Awareness: Knowledge, The Best Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1995.03 Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1996.03 Advance Directives for Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1996.07 Research Funding for Women's Heart Disease and Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1997.04 Awareness of Another Risk Factor for Breast Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1998.03 National Pharmacare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1998.04 Increase in Funding for Health Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1998.06 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1999.05 Macular Degeneration and Education Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1999.06 Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2000.04 Endometriosis Research/Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2001.05 National Strategy for Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003.04 Health Living for Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003.05 Type 2 Diabetes and You	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004.08 Treatment of Autistic Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004.12 Marijuana Possession/Use - A Criminal Offence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005.07 The Illegal Manufacture and Trafficking of Crystal Methamphetamine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2008.02 Restrictions on the Sale of Product Containing Triclosan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2011.03 Caffeine in Energy Drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Environment

The environment needs protection and sustainable development.

* 24. Resolution 2015.02 Ban Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products expresses the League's concern about plastic non-biodegradable microbeads in personal care products have been identified as a source of pollution in waterways. How has your council chosen to address this environmental issue?

- written letters to federal and provincial ministers of health and environment urging protection of Canada's waterways through legislation banning plastic microbeads from personal care products.
- written letters to the manufacturers of personal care products containing microbeads, urging them to switch to biodegradable alternatives.
- encouraged members to avoid purchasing products containing microbeads by checking their list of [avoid polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or polymethacrylate (PMMA)].
- invited a speaker dealing with health and/or environmental issues concerning plastic microbeads.
- Resolution 2015.02 is not a priority for my council.

* 25. Resolution 2015.03 Banning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides expresses concern about the loss of pollinators, birds and invertebrates due to the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. How has your council addressed this concern?

- written letters to members of parliament requesting a ban on the widespread use of neonicotinoid pesticides.
- avoided buying neonicotinoid treated seeds, seedlings, or products that contain neonicotinoids.
- advised members to inform their local nursery managers/greenhouses that they will only purchase plants free of neonicotinoids.
- encouraged members to avoid the use of systemic bee-toxic pesticides in their gardens.
- encouraged members to dispose of neonicotinoids as municipal hazardous waste or take them back to the store where they were purchased.
- encouraged members to provide habitats for pollinators by planting untreated pollinator-friendly trees and flowers.
- Resolution 2015.03 is not a priority for my council.

26. Did your council act on any of the following environmental resolutions and, if so, in what way? [Please refer to cwl.ca for the resolved clauses.]

	Attended workshops and seminars	Arranged for a guest speaker	Wrote letters to government	Provided volunteer services	Provided monetary contributions
1997.05 Pesticides and Herbicides: Hazards and Alternatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1999.09 Bulk Fresh Water Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2001.04 Water Quality in Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004.07 Water Use in Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004.10 Effective Participation in Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005.06 Developing Countries and Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2006.04 Renewable Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2008.03 Toxic Substances in Household Products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. What other environmental issues, if any, have your council addressed during the year?

Genetics

Society is in danger of being directed by what can be done technologically rather than by what ought to be done.

* 28. How would you rate your knowledge in regards to the advantages and disadvantages of technological development in light of the teachings of the Catholic church?

Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor

* 29. Resolution 1997.06 Genetically Modified Foods called for members and councils to urge the federal minister of health to ensure all genetically modified foods be thoroughly tested before being offered for sale and that all genetically modified foods be labeled as such. Has your council pursued this issue this year?

Yes No

* 30. Resolution 2002.10 Biopatenting requested councils and members urge the federal government to oppose the biopatenting of life forms. Has your council acted on this resolution this year?

Yes No

* 31. Does your council subscribe to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletters to keep informed of current issues in bioethics?

Yes No

Summary and Final Thoughts

32. Is there anything else you would like to share about your council's education and health activities?