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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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**To: Chairpersons of Education and Health / Parish Presidents / Provincial President / Provincial Executive / Life Members / National Chairperson of Education and Health**  
**From: Margaret Fitzpatrick, Chairperson of Education and Health**

As we look back at our lovely summer weather and begin our regular fall meetings and CWL activities, hopefully we are more energized and eager to get things done. Welcome to our new national chairperson of Education and Health and 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, Fran Lucas. I look forward to her help and guidance in the coming months.

**Wellness and Sickness/Disease**

Back-to-school can be a difficult time for parents and teens. Many do not get the help they need. Resources are available at [www.rightbyyou.ca](http://www.rightbyyou.ca) to help support teen mental health.

We are reminded to fill out and return hospice and palliative care pledge cards to national office by October 31<sup>st</sup> if you haven't already done so.

Action by members through letter writing, phone calls and visiting of government representatives is encouraged on the following motion, made at the annual national convention, "urge the provincial councils to petition their provincial/territorial premiers and appropriate ministers to request that freedom of conscience of healthcare professionals be protected and to ensure the same protection for healthcare institutions when either they or individuals within them refuse to participate in medical aid in dying or refuse to make direct referrals for patients who request medically assisted dying, and that provincial councils petition the provincial/territorial colleges and/or associations of healthcare professionals urging them to recognize and respect their members' right to freedom of conscience."

It is so important to know how to eat well and to know what additives our foods may contain. Two of this year's resolutions relate to this – Resolution 2016.02 Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide and Resolution 2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives (prepared by our own provincial resolutions committee). These resolutions, including briefs and action plans, can be found on the national website and will be included in the fall issue of The Canadian League. You can read National President, Margaret Ann Jacob's letters to Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health re these resolutions as well as her letters re home care as an insured service and palliative care as an insured service.

**Scholarships and Bursaries**

Members who do courses on spiritual growth, faith formation, youth ministry, ministry to

patients in palliative care and literacy tutoring are encouraged to apply for financial assistance from the Catholic Women's League's national bursary funds. The deadline for this year's applications is November 30<sup>th</sup>. The form can be found at [www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/National-Bursary-Applicatio-Form-November-2015](http://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/National-Bursary-Applicatio-Form-November-2015).

### **Catholic Schools**

We are encouraged to support Catholic schools.

### **Environment**

If you have electronic products such as old computers, monitors, TVs, printers, etc., which are no longer useful why not recycle them (free of charge) by dropping them off at an electronics recycling depot near you? There are several locations throughout the province. Visit the EPRA (Electronic Products Recycling Association) website at [www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/nl](http://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/nl) for more information and to find the location nearest you. Some of these materials can be recycled and we all want to reduce the amount of garbage in landfills.

As we continue our work, may we be guided by the Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Council!

Margaret Fitzpatrick  
Provincial Chairperson of Education and Health