



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MEMO

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**FROM:** Faith Anderson, national chairperson of education and health

**TO:** Parish chairpersons of education and health

**CC:** Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents and life members (on request)

As another League year begins, members are mindful that it will not be a “normal” year. COVID-19 has created many challenges for the League and its members, including challenges for councils to make their regular financial contributions. Like so many others dealing with the pandemic, councils are finding creative ways to continue to support League initiatives and organizations financially.

The annual report survey (564 councils) indicated councils/members were not informed on or did not promote some areas, i.e., National Bursary Fund (67%), Mental Health Postcard (46%), Coady International Institute (66%), Catholic Bioethics Institute (97%) and Canadian Blood Services' Partners for Life program (93%). Thank you for providing this valuable annual survey information. These topics will be covered during the remainder of the term.

### **Scholarships and Bursaries**

The National Bursary Fund brochure (#312) is an excellent way to promote the fund and invite members to apply. Refer to form #552 on the national website for criteria and application information. Thank you to members and parish councils for donating to this fund, enabling more applicants to receive funding.

### **Wellness and Sickness/Disease**

Members may be dealing with the impact of COVID-19 in their daily lives. Information that may help people deal with its effects can be found at [rehab4addiction.co.uk/coronavirus/mental-health-coronavirus](http://rehab4addiction.co.uk/coronavirus/mental-health-coronavirus). Please share this with members.

For several years the League has partnered with Canadian Blood Services in the Partners for Life program using its unique Partner ID (CATH011269). Encourage members to make regular blood donations. Visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) for more information.

Due to COVID-19, the *Care for Our Common Home* Initiative has been extended to June 30, 2021. Refer to March 2020 memo for complete information.

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada asks that you share the message of Catholic health care among members and in your parishes and communities through prayers of support. For complete information, visit [chac.ca/awaken/index\\_e.php](http://chac.ca/awaken/index_e.php).

History has shown that women have always played a big part in making changes, and more than ever, we need to be strong and continue to act and build on the League's centennial foundation. With God's help, we can do great things.