

Education and Health Annual Survey - 2020

ID. Council Code (e.g. WC-001)
name

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual survey. As parish education and health chairperson, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

COVID-19 affected the activities of parish councils in 2020. Many councils were not able to participate in the many activities and projects which normally would be undertaken. Please be assured this survey is only intended to collect information within the scope of each council's abilities. What you have achieved despite COVID-19 is amazing and should be celebrated.

The survey is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the survey. 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. This information might prove useful in setting your goals for the year as well as offering possibilities to expand your scope in this standing committee.

You will see questions to "skip" if you do not have a standing committee chairperson for this position. The intent of this question is to determine any personal growth of the chairperson. We still want to hear if your council was able to make progress related to that question. You can include the work accomplished by your council in the last question of the survey, where it asks to share any other council activities not yet reported.

Thank you for completing this annual survey. The information derived from it will be of great benefit to me. The work that all councils across Canada do will be compiled to see where work is being focused and perhaps where I may be of assistance in the various levels. Your cooperation in taking the time to complete the questions relevant for your council is very much appreciated.

Faith Anderson, National Chairperson of Education and Health

About You

Q1 Parish Council Name:

Q2 Parish Council Registered Town:

Q3 Parish Council ID number:

Q4 Reporting to:

Q5 What is your name?

Q6 Is this position filled or vacant?

Filled

Vacant

Q7 If filled, were you elected or were you appointed due to a vacancy?

Elected

Appointed

Leadership Profile

As the implementation committee begins its research into leadership in the League, your input into the profile of leadership is important. We invite you to answer the following three questions. (Note: Responses are voluntary.)

Q8 How long have you been a member?

Less than 5 years

6-10 years

11-15 years

16-20 years

21-25 years

more than 25 years

Q9 Have you held this position previously?

yes

no

Q10 What is your age?

under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75-84

85+

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has experienced a completely different year for 2020 due to COVID-19. This has changed the way the League conducted monthly council meetings. Members have not experienced the sisterhood of exchanging reports, etc. at diocesan or provincial conventions and the cancellation of the 100th anniversary national convention in Montreal. This year the education and health annual report survey will be different.

Catholic Education

Catholic education strives for the development of the human person in every aspect of his/her being, in order that he/she may develop spiritually, physically and socially. The support to Catholic schools, institutions and parish held catechesis are important to nurture our Catholic faith in youth and young adults.

Q11 Have you become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in your parish and have you enquired about how you may support the program?

yes

no

Q12 Have you become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in the Catholic schools in your area/diocese?

yes

no

Q13 Have you actively encouraged parents to participate in all areas of their children's Catholic school education and activities?

yes

no

Q14 Has your council investigated the needs of Catholic schools in your diocese that could be met by the council?

yes

There is no Catholic school in the diocese.

no

Q15 If yes, what needs were identified?

breakfast or lunch programs

scholarships or bursaries

extracurricular activities

tutoring

field trip or recess supervision

school supplies

sacramental/faith development (belongs under Christian family life)

other

Other, please specify.

Q16 Is your council aware of the family life programs being taught in the Catholic schools in your area or diocese?

yes

no

There is no Catholic school in the area or diocese.

Q17 Have you personally become involved in Rites of Christian Initiation programs in your parish?

yes

no

Q18 If yes, please provide your involvement.

Q19 How many members of your council participated in Rites of Christian Initiation programs in your parish? (If none, please enter 0.)

Literacy and Continuing Education

In *Educating Today and Tomorrow: A Renewing Passion Instrumentum Laboris 2014* it states, "Learning is not just equivalent to content assimilation, but is an opportunity for self-education, commitment towards self-improvement and the common good. It allows our students to develop their creativity, strive for constant learning and become more open towards others. Learning can also provide the opportunity to open students' hearts and minds to the mystery and wonder of the world and nature, to self-consciousness and awareness, to responsibility towards creation, to the Creator's immensity."

Q20 Have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills?

yes

no

Q21 Does your council have a current list of Catholic universities or colleges in your diocese and is the information available to members?

yes

no

There is no Catholic university or college in the diocese.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The National Bursary Fund and the Coady International Institute Fund are supported by donations from members and councils. The National Bursary Fund is used to provide financial assistance to members wanting to pursue their studies in a variety of areas. The Coady International Institute Fund assists potential lay leaders from abroad to take courses which will prepare them to serve in their communities.

Q22 Does your council have a list of scholarships and bursaries that are available and could be accessed by Catholic women to further their education?

yes

no

Q23 Does your council provide a bursary or scholarship or provide funds to another bursary or scholarship?

yes

no

Q24 Who are the recipients?

	provide a bursary	provide a scholarship	contribute to a bursary	contribute to a scholarship	not applicable
Catholic Christian Outreach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Catholic women furthering their education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
elementary aged children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
high school students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
university/college students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NET Ministries of Canada	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other. Please specify:

Q25 Has your council ordered or downloaded from the national website the newly revised bursary certificate?

yes

no

Q26 If yes, what format did you use?

ordered from national office

downloaded from national website

Q27 Has your council promoted the National Bursary Fund utilizing the newly developed brochure?

yes

no

Q28 Have any of your members ever made application to the National Bursary Fund?

yes

no

Q29 If yes, what initiatives or courses were taken? Please specify.

Q30 Has your council contributed to the National Bursary Fund and if yes how much?

Q31 Has your council contributed to Coady International Institute this year?

yes

no

Q32 If yes, how much was the contribution this year?

Wellness and Sickness/Disease

Universal access and excellence in quality of care in the health care system is vitally important to members and Canadians.

Q33 What resolution(s) under this heading has your council taken action on?

- 2018.02 Setting a Standard for Products Marketed as Flushable
- 2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives
- 2016.02 Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide
- 2015.03 Banning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides
- 2015.02 Ban Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products
- 2015.01 Increased Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Health Services
- 2014.04 National Standard for Newborn Screening Including Screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency
- 2014.02 Electronic Cigarettes
- 2011.04 Caffeine in Energy Drinks
- 2011.03 National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Registry
- 2008.03 Toxic Substances in Household Products
- 2008.02 Restrictions on the Sale of Products Containing Triclosan
- 2007.03 Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System
- 2006.04 Renewable Energy
- 2005.10 Strategy to Reduce Polybrominated Diphenyl Ether Flame Retardants
- 2005.07 The Illegal Manufacture and Trafficking of Crystal Methamphetamine
- 2005.06 Developing Countries and Water
- 2004.08 Treatment of Autistic Persons
- 2004.07 Water Use in Canada
- 2002.10 Biopatenting
- 2001.05 National Strategy for Arthritis
- 2001.04 Water Quality in Canada
- 2001.01 End of Life Care
- 1999.09 Bulk Fresh Water Resources
- 1999.06 Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry Program
- 1999.05 Macular Degeneration and Education Awareness
- 1998.09 Ethyl Alcohol in Mouthwash
- 1998.06 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)
- 1998.04 Increase in Funding for Health Research
- 1998.03 National Pharmacare
- 1997.06 Genetically Engineered Foods
- 1990.07 Environmental Concerns
- Our emphasis was on other topics this year.

Q34 Please list and specify the action taken.

Q35 Has your council participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign?

- yes no
- I wasn't aware of the campaign.

Q36 Has your council supported national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer Society of Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Cystic Fibrosis Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis Society [the] | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart & Stroke Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Foundation of Canada [The] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Cancer Society | <input type="checkbox"/> MaterCare International |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Diabetes Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Mental Health Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Relay for Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CNIB, Canadian National Institute for the Blind | <input type="checkbox"/> Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Red Cross | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Health Alliance of Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Wish Foundation of Canada | |

Other, please specify

Q37 The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a proud supporter of the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life Program. Members are encouraged to register for the Partners for Life Program under the League's unique Partner ID (CATH011269). Have any of your members donated blood using the Partner ID?

- yes no
 I wasn't aware of the program.

Q38 If yes, how many members?

Q39 May 4-10, 2020 was designated as National Hospice Palliative Care Week by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. During this week, councils were invited to participate in "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care". Due to COVID-19 parish councils were asked to organize members to each pray for one hour for a total of 12 hours utilizing the resources in the kit.

- arranged for 12 members to pray for palliative care in their home for one hour
 provided members with the 12 Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care Kit for focus on palliative care during this week
 encouraged all members to pray for palliative care
 other
 Our council did not participate.

Other, please specify.

Q40 Did members use the Palliative Care postcard?

- yes I wasn't aware of the campaign.
 no

Q41 Did your council provide information on advance care planning?

- yes no

Q42 Did your council provide information on emergency response information kits or something similar in your province?

yes

no

Q43 If there is no emergency response information kit in your province, have you enquired into the possibility of the province developing a kit?

yes

no

Environment

In keeping with the national theme *Care For Our Common Home*, councils could participate in various awareness and educational opportunities to learn about protecting the environment. The focus for 2019 was WATER.

Q44 Did your council participate in the *Care for Our Common Home* initiative?

yes

no

Q45 Participate in plastic and waste cleanup

yes

no

Q46 If yes, where did the clean up take place? How many members participated? How many bags were collected?

Q47 Number of members committed to eliminating using plastic bags.

Q48 Number of members committed to eliminating the use of plastic straws

Q49 Number of members undertaking to reduce their garbage

Q50 Planted a tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the League

yes

no

Q51 If yes, where was the tree planted? How many members participated?

Q52 other

Q53 Did your council celebrate the United Nations World Water Day on March 22, 2020?

yes

no

Q54 What special initiatives did your council undertake to celebrate World Water Day or to acknowledge the focus for 2020 on water? Please specify.

Q55 Did your council utilize the Water for Life Discussion Guide developed by Catholic Relief Services?

yes

no

Q56 Did your council act on any of the resolutions under this standing committee on water?

yes

no

Q57 If yes, please indicate which resolution(s).

Q58 Did your council participate or plan any activities for Earth Day, organized by Earth Day Network and held on April 22, 2020?

yes

no

Q59 If yes, what were the activities?

Q60 What environmental issues has your council addressed during the year?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> roadside or community clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reduce the use of Styrofoam cups | <input type="checkbox"/> climate change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> reduce paper use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> green bins for organic waste | <input type="checkbox"/> reduce water use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compost | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eliminate plastic water bottles | <input type="checkbox"/> Our emphasis was on other topics this year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eliminate plastic straws | |

Other, please specify.

Genetics

The World Health Organization defines genetics as the study of heredity and states genetics scrutinizes the functioning and composition of the single gene. Society is in danger of being directed by technology rather than ethical rational.

Q61 How would you rate your knowledge in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic church?

excellent

fair

very good

poor

good

Q62 If your answer was fair or poor, please provide some input into improving your knowledge.

Q63 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

Q64 Is there a specific area/topic you would like to see more information on that comes under the education and health standing committee?

yes

no

Q65 If yes, what topic would you like to learn more about?

Q66 Please share any other council activities not yet reported.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your council's initiatives will be added to the strong voice of Catholic women across Canada.

Before pressing the "submit" button, please "print" the survey responses for your records.

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