

Education and Health Annual Survey - 2021

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 the perspective of the League at all levels.

The activities of parish councils continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. Many councils were not meeting in person making the participation in the many activities and projects normally undertaken most challenging. Please be aware that this survey is only to collect information within the scope of each council's abilities. Councils have found very innovative and unique ways of achieving goals and all of this work needs to be acknowledged and celebrated.

The survey is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading found under this committee. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the survey. We realize that every council cannot possibly focus on all of the options offered. It is expected that councils will focus on what fit in with the priorities of their specific group. If you did not pursue a certain topic, feel free to leave that question blank. It may also be useful to regard some of these questions as a tool for setting goals for the coming year.

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

Your participation in this survey will be of great benefit to the national education and health standing committee. The data compiled from councils across Canada allows us to see where members are focusing their efforts and perhaps how they can be assisted in their work. I greatly appreciate your cooperation in taking the time to complete this survey on behalf of your parish council.

Margaret Schwab, 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+

Catholic Education

“We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.” 1 John 4:16

The realization of this relationship and their inherent dignity of children of God prompts children and adults alike to serve others, to reach out and transform the world. The support of Catholic schools, institutions and parish held catechesis are important to nurture the Catholic faith in all.

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 Have you or other members become involved in the Rites of Christian Initiation programs in your parish?

yes

no

Q17 If yes, please provide the involvement.

Q18 How many members of your council participated in the Rites of Christian Initiation programs in your parish? (If none, please enter 0.)

Literacy and Continuing Education

Education provides a significant contribution to families and society in various aspects and fields thus creating a stable and stimulating community. It is through continuing education that confidence and good leadership are developed resulting in positive changes to the world in which we live.

Q19 Have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills?

yes

no

Q20 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 National Voluntary 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 National Voluntary Fund assists potential lay leaders from abroad as well as First Nations, Métis and Inuit participants from Canada, to take courses which will prepare them to serve in their communities.

Q21 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

Q22 Does your council provide a bursary or scholarship or provide funds to another bursary or scholarship?

yes

no

Q23 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

Other

Other. Please specify:

Q24 Has your council ordered the revised bursary certificate from national office for downloading?

 yes no

Q25 Has your council promoted the National Bursary Fund utilizing the newly developed brochure?

 yes no

Q26 Is your council familiar with the criteria for applying to the National Bursary Fund?

 yes no

Q27 Have any of your members ever made application to the National Bursary Fund?

 yes no

Q28 If yes, what initiatives or courses were taken? Please specify.

Q29 Has your council contributed to the National Bursary Fund and if yes how much?

Q30 Have you promoted to your council that members can include a legacy in their will to support the National Bursary Fund?

 yes no

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

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

2002.10 Biopatenting

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 Are your members familiar with the process of registering for the Partners for Life Program using the League's ID number (CATH01129)?

- yes no

Q40 May 2-8, 2021 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
- encouraged all members to pray for palliative care
- held a virtual event
- other
- Our council did not participate.

Other, please specify.

Q41 Did members use the Palliative Care postcard?

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

Q42 Did your council provide information on advance care planning?

- yes
- no

Q43 Did your council provide information on emergency response information kits or something similar in your province?

- yes
- no

Q44 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 were asked to take action on environmental issues within their homes and communities. These actions served as an opportunity to learn about protecting the environment. The *Care for Our Common Home* Initiative was extended to June 30, 2021

Q45 Did your council participate in the *Care for Our Common Home* initiative?

yes

no

Q46 Participate in plastic and waste cleanup

yes

no

Q47 If yes, where did the clean up take place? How many members participated? How many bags were collected?

Q48 Number of members committed to eliminating using plastic bags.

Q49 Number of members committed to eliminating the use of plastic straws

Q50 Number of members undertaking to reduce their garbage

Q51 Planted a tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the League

yes

no

Q52 If yes, where was the tree planted? How many members participated?

Q53 other

Q54 Did your council celebrate the United Nations World Water Day on March 22, 2021?

yes

no

Q55 What special initiatives did your council undertake to celebrate World Water Day or to acknowledge the focus for 2021 on water? Please specify.

Q56 Did your council utilize the Water for Life Discussion Guide developed by Catholic Relief Services?

yes

no

Q57 Did your council participate or plan any activities for Earth Day, organized by Earth Day Network and held on April 22, 2021?

yes

no

Q58 If yes, what were the activities?

Q59 What environmental issues has your council addressed during the year?

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| <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.

Q60 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?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> excellent | <input type="radio"/> fair |
| <input type="radio"/> very good | <input type="radio"/> poor |
| <input type="radio"/> good | |

Q61 If your answer was fair or poor, please provide some input into improving your knowledge.

Q62 Has your council requested to be placed on the mailing list of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute through the e-mail function on their website?

yes

no

Summary and Final Thoughts

Q63 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

Q64 If yes, what topic would you like to learn more about?

Q65 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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