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Catholic and Living It!

FOR: Provincial Chairpersons of Education and Health
THROUGH: Provincial Presidents and Secretaries
CC: National Executive (for information)
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With the beginning of Lent, members reflect on the wonders of Christ's divine sacrifice for them and His glorious resurrection, which has offered them eternal life. The national theme, *Catholic and Living It!*, encourages members to walk in Christ's footsteps, bearing their crosses with love, humility and faithfulness. It is a challenge, but members embrace it daily with courage and strength.

I have been asked by the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation to let members know it has had a change of address. Please send all donations to:

Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation
12241 132 Street
Edmonton Alberta
T5L 1P7

More than 80% of the donations received are from parish councils across Canada. Please share this information with your diocesan counterparts and ask them to share it with parish councils to ensure donations go to the correct address. Councils are to be commended for their generosity.

Coady International Institute was established in 1959 at St. Francis Xavier University and is one of the League's permanent partners supported through the National Voluntary Fund. Working with partners in Canada and across the globe, the institute is committed to reducing poverty and transforming societies by strengthening local economics, building resilient communities and promoting social accountability and good governance. The institute includes a network of more than 10,000 graduates in 146 countries globally. Additionally, it offers many programs for Indigenous women and people from the global south. Many of its online presentations may be of interest to the membership. Please ask your diocesan counterparts to encourage members to visit coady.stfx.ca/contact-us/ and sign up to receive its newsletter by clicking on 'Stay Connected.'

Ontario Provincial Council will host an online workshop, “Horizons of Hope Overview,” on **May 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EST)**. Executive Director of Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute Dr. Moira McQueen and Life Member Shirley Christo will be the presenters. This presentation will encourage members to continue promoting access to quality palliative care in the wake of the push of the Canadian Association of MAID Assessors and Providers (CAMAP)/euthanasia movement. The presentation will also offer an overview and rationale behind the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop’s *Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care* from the perspective of Catholic teachings and provide the membership with examples of strategies to get the truth of palliative care out to Canadian communities. Please encourage your diocesan counterparts to inform their members of this event.

More information on registration and the link to take part will follow in the near future. **Please mark this date on your calendars.**

My wishes for a reflective, prayerful Lent to all.



Margaret Schwab
National Chairperson of Education and Health