



Ontario Provincial Council
Education & Health Standing Committee
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To: Diocesan Education & Health Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Colleen Randall, Ontario Provincial Council,
Education & Health Standing Committee Chairperson
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers,
National Education & Health Standing Committee Chairperson

Welcome to all Education & Health Standing Committee Chairs; whether you are starting your term or in your second year, I am certain we will learn from each other.

I am honoured to have been elected to the Ontario Provincial Council. The Education and Health standing committee is a new challenge for me but with the prayerful support of my league sisters, I know I can accomplish my goals.

For those of you who do not know me, I have been a member of the league since 2003 when my pastor asked me to attend a meeting with the diocesan president to talk about forming a council in our parish. That night I was elected president. The learning has not stopped since then. The league is my passion!

Over the course of the next two years, I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you face to face. Conventions at all levels provide a perfect meeting ground. If you have never attended a provincial or national convention, make it your goal to attend at least one during your term.

I welcome your comments, questions, suggestions and ideas as they pertain to our role as Education & Health Committee Chairpersons. I will try to keep you as informed as possible both through directives and informal emails. Remember that all information shared should be forwarded on to your parish counterparts. As well, I look forward to receiving any information back from you.

I encourage all of you to obtain a copy of the *Executive Handbook*, which can be downloaded from the national website. Other resource materials that you might find helpful include the *Constitution and By-laws* and the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*. I also recommend that you make it a habit to check both the provincial and national websites weekly. Several years ago we were encouraged to

do this on Wednesdays – *WEBSITE WEDNESDAYS*... make it your day to learn and share!

The duties of the Education & Health Committee are as follows per *the National Manual of Policy and Procedure*:

The duties of the chairperson are:

- Catholic education
 - (i) Catholic schools and catechesis
 - (ii) Rites of Christian initiation
- Literacy and continuing education
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Wellness and sickness/disease
- Environment
- Genetics

I have asked Heather Sisk of the Ottawa Diocese and Mary Jane Yaeger of the Hamilton Diocese to be sub-committee chairs. I strongly urge you to appoint sub-committee chairpersons to assist you in keeping up to date on developments and issues under the various areas of responsibility.

For those of you who did not attend the provincial convention, a copy of the Oral Report given by Carol Richer, who was the Education & Health Chairperson for the 2013- 2015 term is available on the OPC website under Directives and Reports. I have attached a copy of the 2014 Annual report for this committee with this directive.

The list of Diocesan Education & Health Chairpersons has been sent to all who need it. Please keep in mind that in accordance with the provincial privacy policy this information is for league use only, and is not to be shared. Should you have any questions concerning privacy issues please send them to me as I am also the OPC Privacy Officer.

I pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel will guide us as we seek to educate and inform the members in Ontario on the many facets of this committee. There will be a lot of work to do over the two years but it will be fun... I promise!

Yours in service to God,

Colleen