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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 new Education & Health Standing Committee Chairs; whether you are starting your term or in your second year, I look forward to working with you for the next year.

What's new in...

• Catholic education

At the provincial convention 400 brochures will be available to members entitled "*A Parent's Guide to Understanding Family Life Education in Catholic Schools*". It is my hope that the brochure will help alleviate any concerns members might have in supporting the program and will assist them in educating themselves, their families and friends about the program.

• Scholarships and bursaries

Many parish councils in the province are participating in graduation exercises by handing out their annual bursaries/scholarships. What a wonderful way to support young women and men on their journey to higher education. I want to thank all members for their contribution to this support.

• Wellness and sickness/disease

Pray for guidance and wisdom for our legislators as they work through aftermath of the new Bill C-14. The Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience has a sample letter on their website <http://canadiansforconscience.ca> that members can use to send to their MPPs expressing our concerns for parts of

this legislation. As well, in my oral report at convention, I will be reiterating Cardinal Collins' action plan he put out in his statement on the bill. You can read the complete statement at this link <http://saltandlighttv.org/blog/faith-education/statement-from-cardinal-thomas-collins-archbishop-of-toronto-on-passing-of-bill-c-14-legalization-of-euthanasiaassisted-suicide> . Please share this information with all members.

- **Environment**



There is so much we can do to help with climate change. **Please send me any initiatives you are aware of in your dioceses.** I would like to share them in my article for the fall Trillium.

I was blessed to meet a number of you at your diocesan conventions and I look forward to seeing you all at the provincial convention in Stratford. Please seek me out and introduce yourselves.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all we do.

Yours in service to God,

Colleen