



**Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**

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To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons

From: Betsy Currier, Ontario Provincial Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson

cc: Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Dowd, OPC Executive and Appointees, Diocesan Presidents, CFL Standing Committee Sub-chairpersons Angela Pellarin and Audrey Shelton, and National Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson Dorothy Johansen

"The future of a people is in the elderly and in the children. A people that does not care for their elderly and their children does not have a future, because it will not have a memory and will not have a promise!"

Pope Francis

My dear Sisters,

As summer approaches, I want to wish you all a very happy and safe summer season. I will be enjoying rest, relaxation, and hopefully lots of warm and sunny weather at camp. Also, I will be attending the Ontario provincial convention in Cornwall in July. If you are at the convention, please come and introduce yourself.

I am also fortunate enough to be attending the national convention in St. John, New Brunswick in August. If you are not eligible to attend please **NOTE:** All are welcome to view the livestream of the proceedings of the national convention August 14 & 15. Please click here to register:

<https://event.gotowebinar.com/event/53508b5b-88c1-4451-8fa6-a5306f798b9d>

I have attached a **Calendar of Events** – please note that this is the Week of Prayer for Palliative Care and several other of these dates are coming up within days so be ready!

National

National Christian Family Life Chair Dorothy Johansen recently sent a spring

memo. I urge you to go to the national website to read her message. It has some dates of special occasions/events, as well as information from the CCCB on how to include the disabled in faith communities, information on grief counselling for widowed, and information about a brochure, article and video on the national website to assist the separated and divorced.

Dorothy provides direction on finding the League's informational pamphlets (#305 Pro-life brochure) available on the national website (cwl.ca) and two workshops (#809 Euthanasia and #825 Workshop on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide) to help inform members about these topics and the League's position on them.

If you haven't already done so, take time to read her previous communiques, also.

Ministry to Seniors

National Seniors Day on October 1st is an occasion where members can join in celebrating older adults, whether a parent, a co-worker, a neighbour or a friend. Encourage members and councils to acknowledge the life-long contributions seniors have made and continue to make to families, communities and society. There are many ways to thank and show seniors just how much they're appreciated - perhaps by taking a walk together, sharing a meal together or treating them to a day out. Let's remember to reach out, invite and include our senior members and all our seniors.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Members are encouraged to continue to support the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition by signing up for news or making donations directly to the organization at www.epcc.ca

Bill S-248 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) is currently in its second reading in the Senate. Please ask members to contact their member of parliament, senators from their province and the minister of health to prevent the addition of pre-consent and also to prevent the disabled from being added to the criteria that are already in place.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide our work for God and Canada.
Blessings and hugs,

Betsy Currier

OPC Christian Family Life Chairperson

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