

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Pope Francis, 'Spes non confundit' Section 20.

We rise again at Easter with the resurrection of Jesus Christ reminding us that life is full of hope. Jesus as the great gardener of creation has provided life to all things. In the spring, we are reconnected to the outdoors, gardening and the environment. Easter and spring represent rebirth and renewal.

Environmental issues are covered by the Social Justice Standing Committee. The month of April is an opportune time for awareness on Care for Our Common Home (Laudato si'). People and their environment are interconnected affecting each other. The disparity in the access to natural resources is a social justice issue.



Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd with this year's theme, Our Power, Our Planet.

Earthday.org advocates for the health of the planet, for our air, oceans, soil, eco-systems, wildlife, and human health. This is the 55th anniversary of the event. Earth Day brings awareness and address environmental issues.

Earth Day may be seen as a secular event but is connected to Easter and our Catholic Social Teaching on Care for God's Creation.

Catholic Saints of Ecology and the Environment

- St. Philip Neri
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Therese of Lisieux
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- St. John Paul II
- St. Augustine





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Community Organizations/Events

As members, our footprint on the environment starts within our homes and councils, local community and beyond.

- Conservation Ontario is a non-profit association that represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. There are over 300 conservation areas across Ontario.
- Community Spring Cleaning: The goal is to beautify and protect our rivers, streams, drinking water and local wildlife. Register with your local municipality to clean parks around your neighborhood.

Tree Planting

Credit Valley Conservation tree planting programs help to restore nature and improve the community by:

- Increasing forest cover
- Fighting climate change
- Creating wildlife habitat
- Increasing property value and adding variety to your landscape
- Improving water quality in our streams
- Protecting groundwater supplies
- Improving your outdoor recreational activities

League Position Papers

- 2023 Waste Management
- 2023 Water

League Resolutions

- 2023.01 Combating Textile Waste in Canada
- 2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste
- 2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Horizons of Hope (Released by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

May 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th. One of the goals is to include, Empower and educate parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion.

(See poster with details on next page...)

Horizons of Hope - Palliative Care Toolkit for Parishes

Released by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



Interested Parishes!

Come join us with your pastor
and fellow parishioners to discover
a culture of **LIFE, COMPASSION & HOPE!**

Thank you to Toronto Diocesan CWL member Shirley Christo for her efforts in offering these sessions.
The Ontario Provincial Council is honoured to play a supporting role in facilitating the
zoom sessions and communication of registration details through its networks.

During National Hospice Palliative Care Week St. John Fisher (Toronto Diocese) presents:

Dr. Moira McQueen

Executive Director of Canadian
Catholic Bioethics Institute



Modules 1 & 2
May 6 & 7, 2025

Shirley Christo

CWL Life Member
Parish Nurse



Ronald Perinpanayagam

Unity Health Toronto
Catholic Healthcare



Modules 3 & 4
May 13 & 14, 2025

Margaret Smith

St. Elizabeth Palliative Care
Parish Nurse



All sessions are from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Attendance is encouraged for all four modules

You can attend in person or virtually!

Location: St. John Fisher Parish Hall-300 Balmoral Dr.
Brampton, ON L6T 1V6

REGISTRATION DETAILS: Register here (All must register in advance)
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tO2TWlXpSiSW8NjH_fuhWw

Once registered, a link will be sent via email

Please monitor the following sites for more details as the event draws closer:

www.cwl.on.ca

[OPC Facebook Page](#)

