

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God.

Pope Francis, 'Spes non confundit' Section 24.



May is the month of Mary, fertility, motherhood, midwifery, growth and renewal of life.

The Blessed Virgin Mary was given the great privilege to be the Mother of God and has many titles. In the League, she is Our Lady of Good Counsel. Her titles that apply to social justice include, Mirror of Justice, Mother of the Poor, Mother of Orphans, Mother of the Oppressed, Our Lady of Africa, Our Lady of Charity, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Streets, Comforter of the Afflicted, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady Queen of Peace and more.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38

May 16 – 26 is ***Laudato Si' Week*** with the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home). It was the first Papal letter on the environment and the relationship between humanity and the earth. It included warnings to take actions for a sustainable future:

- Pollution and Climate Change
- Water
- Loss of Biodiversity
- Decline in the Quality of Human Life and the Breakdown of Society

The Laudato Si' Movement anniversary theme is Raise hope! Their resources include The Letter film to explore Laudato Si' in a 2-hour event that is available to download. Care for Our Common Home was the national League theme 2019-2021.

- 2018.02 Setting a Standard for Products Marketed as "Flushable" resolution





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May 4th –10th is **National Palliative Care Week** Palliative Care is For You. “Palliative care can help people with serious illnesses, regardless of their prognosis. It can support caregivers and families who are caring for a loved one those who are grieving and living with loss.”

- The League 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care “Palliative/hospice care needs to be seen as the sole answer when faced with end-of-life decisions.”

- 2023 Euthanasia and Medical Assistance in Dying
- 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying

- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Horizons of Hope “Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients (adults and children) and their families who are facing problems associated with life-threatening illness.” Attend the Horizons of Hope presentation May 6, 7, 13, 14 with details on page 3.

- March for Life (May 8th) Protection at Conception. “Human rights begin when human life begins, and human life begins at conception.”
2023 Abortion Position Paper

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (May 21st). Highlights the richness of the world’s cultures and the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

International Day for Biological Diversity (May 22nd)

Harmony with nature and sustainable development. “Progress in halting and reversing biodiversity loss is crucial for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.

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 by clicking on the link
below or via the QR Code:

(All must register in advance)

<https://tinyurl.com/rutfe4yu>

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](#)

