

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

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Women of Peace and Hope

To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairpersons
Provincial Executive (for information)

Greetings!

My name is Yvette F. and I am the new Provincial Chairperson for Community & Christian Family Life. I was pleased to accept the appointment last week. I have been a CWL member for 25 years and have served on the executive at parish level, and as diocesan treasurer for 2 terms.

Bill C-384

This bill is "An act to amend the Criminal Code (right to die with dignity)." Please encourage your councils to meet with their MPs as well as letter writing. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition can provide information packages and sample letter. Just go to their website <<http://www.euthanasiaprevention.on.ca>> or phone them at 877-439-3348.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has just learned that Fancine Lalonde has traded-back to delay the second hour of debate on this bill. The new scheduled date is Tuesday February 2, 2010 with the vote on February 3, 2010. We still have lots of time to write letters on this bill.

Palliative Care

Palliative care is certainly associated with the euthanasia debate, as we have to support palliative care facilities and be part of their community of help. We need to encourage our councils to be active in possibly visiting people that are homebound.

Action that can be taken on Palliative Care is to have speakers from hospitals, palliative care centers, hospices, health-care foundations (Mary Pat S.). Any council can apply to the provincial Education Fund

Family Life

We need to continue to use the "Prayer for Families" in the CWL Flip kits. We encourage prayer for all of our newlyweds this past year as they are beginning a new life and forming a family. Families especially need our prayers during these times as they struggle with finances, depression job loss and many more issues. We need to be present to these people by helping out financially or otherwise. to help finance speakers. Pay attention as well to the closing hospitals. We need to be vocal over this issue. We need to phone and or write to our respective MLAs.

CGL (Catholic Girls' League)

We should encourage councils in our dioceses to form the CGL for girls ages 10 to 15. All mothers of girls this age could help to start a league and be there to guide them.

There are 7 CGL councils in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Apparently there is new Manual available from National for the formation of a new CGL. They will issue a manual only to those councils that want to start a council. It is not listed in the National supplies catalogue, so you have to phone to order.

Natalie R. is an excellent resource if you would like more information about starting a CGL. If you would like more information from her, just email me and I will get the information from her.

I wish each Diocese, Council and their families a very Blessed Advent and a Holy Christmas.

For God and Canada,
Your Sister in the League,
Yvette F., Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life