



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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Education and Health Communique January 2017

Lyme Disease

For members looking for support in the area of Lyme Disease, there was a Conference to Develop a Federal Framework on Lyme Disease, last May and the summary report at this link is quite comprehensive. <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/publications/diseases-conditions-maladies-affections/summary-report-lyme-2016-conference-rapport-sommaire/index-eng.php> To quickly sum it up, this three-day conference went a long ways to developing a Federal framework on this disease and bring awareness to all levels of the country, from other politicians, to health care providers and patients. Supporters and knowledgeable health care providers in Alberta:

- Dr. Hoffman at the Hoffman Center or clinic in Calgary
- Dr. Riddle in Red Deer

Palliative Care as an insured service. It is encouraging to hear that in the Consensus Development Conference in Ottawa, November 7-9, 2016, consensus was reached. The panel concluded that palliative care must become an insured service under the Canada Health Act and made 20 specific recommendations. The complete report can be found at the following link:

<http://www.palliativecarematters.ca/home>

Palliative Care. 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, May 4, 2017.

Bill C-268 Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act. We continue to pray and send communications to our government representatives in support of amending “the Criminal code to make it an offence to intimidate a medical or nurse practitioner, pharmacist or any other healthcare professional for the purpose of compelling them to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of medical assistance in dying. It also makes it an offence to dismiss from employment or to refuse to employ a medical or nurse practitioner, pharmacist or any other healthcare professional for the reason only that they refuse to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of medical assistance in dying.” The status of this private member's bill can be found at the following link:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&billId=8224722>

Euthanasia. The 1 hour documentary entitled, “Vulnerable: The Euthanasia Deception” is informative and tells the story of several people involved including the families of patients. The YouTube video can be subscribed to at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWgUhHU2DsxRcTlwBXLtFig>

Winter and Health Kit has arrived. At the following link, you will find a document to assist you with strategies for remaining healthy in the winter: <https://connect.northlands.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Holiday-Health-Kit-Winter-Is-Coming.pdf>



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Lap Quilt Project Challenge from Betty Ann Brown Davidson "During these long winter evenings, I hope League members are busy making lap quilts for the Lap Quilt Challenge. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, patch or quilt, your efforts and prayer-in-action will be most appreciated by vulnerable people and those in hospice or nursing homes. Let's look at May 1st as our deadline to have them ready for distribution from conventions. Help make our country cozy and warm, covered in mercy and love! Are you up for the challenge? Having never done this before, I am now working on my third lap quilt. I dare you to try too!" See the national Web site, www.cwl.ca

Education and Health Resolutions:

Resolution 2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives and Resolution 2016.02 Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide.

In a news release dated December 14, 2016, the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health announced that the Federal government is making changes to the Food and Drug Regulations to make the Nutrition Facts table and list of ingredients on packaged foods easier for Canadians to use and understand. Canada's Food Guide is also being revised with attention to serving sizes, reducing sodium in processed foods, eliminating industrially produced trans-fat, and providing the consumer with more information on additives to the food. This news release can be found at the following link:

<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do;jsessionid=88d4f1d2cea57d2fca996e184aaa9d46eb06faa2f3eb5ffd85729a6b5fc0efee.e38RbhaLb3qNe3eNbhb0?mthd=index&ctr.page=1&nid=1169379>

God bless us all.

Respectfully Submitted

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