

Education and Health Annual Survey - 2019

ID. Council Code (e.g. WC-001)
name

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual survey. As parish education and health chairperson, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The survey is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the survey. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic. This information might prove useful in setting your goals for the year as well as offering possibilities to expand your scope in this standing committee.

You will see questions to "skip" if you do not have a standing committee chaiperson for this position. The intent of this question is to determine any personal growth of the chairperson. We still want to hear if your council was able to make progress related to that question. You can include the work accomplished by your council in the last question of the survey, where it asks to share any other council acitivities not yet reported.

Thank you for completing this annual survey. The information derived from it will be of great benefit to me. The work that all councils across Canada do will be compiled to see where work is being focused and perhaps where I may be of assistance in the various levels. Your cooperation in taking the time to complete the questions relevant for your council is very much appreciated.

Faith Anderson, National Chairperson of Education and Health

About You

Q1

Parish Council Name:

Q2

Parish Council Registered Town:

Q3

Parish Council ID number:

Q4

Reporting to:

Q5 What is your name?

Q6 Is this position filled or vacant?

☐ Filled

☐ Vacant

Q7 If filled, were you elected or were your appointed due to a vacancy?

☐ Elected

☐ Appointed

Leadership Profile

As the implementation committee begins its research into leadership in the League, your input into the profile of leadership is important. We invite you to answer the following three questions. (Note: Responses are voluntary.)

Q8 How long have you been a member?

☐ Less than 5 years

☐ 6-10 years

☐ 11-15 years

☐ 16-20 years

☐ 21-25 years

☐ more than 25 years

Q9 Have you held this position previously?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q10 What is your age?

☐ under 18

☐ 18-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 65-74

☐ 75-84

☐ 85+

Catholic Education

Catholic education strives for the development of the human person in every aspect of his/her being, in order that he/she may develop spiritually, physically and socially. The support to Catholic schools, institutions and parish held catechesis are important to nurture our Catholic faith in youth and young adults.

Q11 Have you become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in your parish and have you enquired about how you may support the program?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q12 Have you become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in the Catholic schools in your area/diocese?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q13 Have you actively encouraged parents to participate in all areas of their children's Catholic sschool education and activities?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q14 Has your council investigated the needs of Catholic schools in your diocese that could be met by the council?

☐ yes

☐ There is no Catholic school in the diocese.

☐ no

Q15 If yes, what needs were identified?

☐ breakfast or lunch programs

☐ scholarships or bursaries

☐ extracurricular activities

☐ tutoring

☐ field trip or recess supervision

☐ school supplies

☐ sacramental/faith development (belongs under Christian family life)

☐ other

Other, please specify.

Q16 Is your council aware of the family life programs being taught in the Catholic schools in your area or diocese?

☐ yes

☐ no

☐ There is no Catholic school in the area or diocese.

Q17 Have you personally become involved in Rites of Christian Initiation programs in your parish?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q18 How many members of your council participated in Rites of Christian Initiation programs in your parish? (If none, please enter 0.)

Literacy and Continuing Education

In *Educating Today and Tomorrow: A Renewing Passion Instrumentum Laboris 2014* it states, "Learning is not just equivalent to content assimilation, but is an opportunity for self-education, commitment towards self-improvement and the common good. It allows our students to develop their creativity, strive for constant learning and become more open towards others. Learning can also provide the opportunity to open students' hearts and minds to the mystery and wonder of the world and nature, to self-consciousness and awareness, to responsibility towards creation, to the Creator's immensity."

Q19 Have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q20 Does your council have a current list of Catholic universities or colleges in your diocese and is the information provided?

☐ yes

☐ no

☐ There is no Catholic university or college in the diocese.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The National Bursary Fund and the Coady International Institute Fund are supported by donations from members and councils. The National Bursary Fund is used to provide financial assistance to members wanting to pursue their studies in a variety of areas. The Coady International Institute Fund assists potential lay leaders from abroad to take courses which will prepare them to serve in their communities.

Q21 Does your council have a list of scholarships and bursaries that are available and could be accessed by Catholic women to further their education?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q22 Does your council provide a bursary or scholarship or provide funds to another bursary or scholarship?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q23 Who are the recipients?

	provide a bursary	provide a scholarship	contribute to a bursary	contribute to a scholarship	not applicable
Catholic Christian Outreach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Catholic women furthering their education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
elementary aged children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
high school students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
university/college students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NET Ministries of Canada	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other. Please specify:

Q24 Has your council promoted the National Bursary Fund?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q25 Has your council contributed to Coady International Institute this year?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q26 If yes, how much was the contribution this year?

Wellness and Sickness/Disease

Universal access and excellence in quality of care in the health care system is vitally important to members and Canadians.

Q27 What resolution(s) under this heading has your council taken action on?

- ☐ 2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives
- ☐ 2016.02 Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide
- ☐ 2015.01 Increased Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Health Services
- ☐ 2014.04 National Standard for Newborn Screening Including Screening for Sever Combined Immunodeficiency
- ☐ 2014.02 Electronic Cigarettes
- ☐ 2011.04 Caffeine in Energy Drinks
- ☐ 2011.03 National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Registry
- ☐ 2008.03 Toxic Substances in Household Products
- ☐ 2007.03 Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System
- ☐ 2005.10 Strategy to Reduce Polybrominated Diphenyl Ether Flame Retardants
- ☐ 2005.07 The Illegal Manfuacture and Trafficking of Crystal Methamphetamine
- ☐ 2004.08 Treatment of Autistic Perons
- ☐ 2001.05 National Strategy for Arthritis
- ☐ 2001.01 Quality End of Life Care
- ☐ 1999.06 Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry Program
- ☐ 1999.05 Macular Degeneration and Education Awareness
- ☐ 1989.09 Ethyl Alcohol in Mouthwash
- ☐ 1998.06 Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)
- ☐ 1998.04 Increase in Funding for Health Research
- ☐ 1998.03 National Pharmacare
- ☐ Our emphasis was on other topics this year.

Q28 Please specify the action taken.

Q29 Has your council participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign?

☐ yes

☐ no

☐ I wasn't aware of the campaign.

Q30 Has your council supported national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians?

☐ Alzheimer Society of Canada

☐ Arthritis Society [the]

☐ Autism Canada

☐ Canadian Cancer Society

☐ Canadian Diabetes Association

☐ Canadian Mental Health Association

☐ CNIB, Canadian National Institute for the Blind

☐ Canadian Red Cross

☐ Catholic Health Alliance of Canada

☐ Children's Wish Foundation of Canada

☐ Cystic Fibrosis Canada

☐ Heart & Stroke Foundation

☐ Kidney Foundation of Canada [The]

☐ MaterCare International

☐ Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

☐ Relay for Life

☐ Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada

☐ other

☐ We haven't.

Other, please specify

Q31 The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a proud supporter of the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life Program. Members are encouraged to register for the Partners for Life Program under the League's unique Partner ID (CATH011269). Have any of your members donated blood using the Partner ID?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q32 If yes, how many members?

Q33 May 5-11, 2019 was designated as National Hospice Palliative Care Week by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. During this week, councils were invited to participate in "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care". In what ways did your council participate?

- ☐ arranged a prayer space in the parish
- ☐ arranged a prayer space at home
- ☐ invited neighboring churches
- ☐ supplied brochures on local palliative care facilities and services
- ☐ offered refreshments and a time for fellowship
- ☐ welcomed and supported those who shared their own experience of palliative care
- ☐ took a free will offering and donated it to a local hospice
- ☐ held a parish council discussion about how to assist in palliative care
- ☐ other
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Other, please specify.

Environment

In keeping with the national theme *Care For Our Common Home*, councils could participate in various awareness and educational opportunities to learn about protecting the environment. The focus for 2019 was WATER.

Q34 Did your council participate in the CWL Water Pledge Challenge Campaign?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q35 Did your council celebrate the United Nations World Water Day on March 22, 2019?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q36 What special initiatives did your council undertake to celebrate World Water Day or to acknowledge the focus for 2019 on water? Please specify.

Q37 Did your council act on any of the resolutions under this standing committee on water?

☐ 2005.06 Developing Countries and Water
(shared with community life)

☐ 2004.07 Water Use in Canada

☐ 2001.04 Water Quality in Canada

☐ 1999.09 Bulk Fresh Water Resources

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Q38 Did your council participate in the Earth Action Initiative in September 2019, in response to the request from the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations and promoted by the League?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q39 Did your council participate or plan any activities for Earth Day, organized by Earth Day Network and held on April 22, 2019?

☐ yes

☐ no

Q40 If yes, what activities?

Q41 What environmental issues has your council addressed during the year?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> roadside or community clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reduce the use of Styrofoam cups | <input type="checkbox"/> climate change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> reduce paper use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> green bins for organic waste | <input type="checkbox"/> reduce water use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compost | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eliminate plastic water bottles | <input type="checkbox"/> Our emphasis was on other topics this year. |

Other, please specify.

Genetics

The World Health Organization defines genetics as the study of heredity and states genetics scrutinizes the functioning and composition of the single gene. Society is in danger of being directed by technology rather than ethical rational.

Q42 How would you rate your knowledge in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic church?

☐

excellent

☐

fair

☐

very good

☐

poor

☐

good

Q43 If your answer was fair or poor, please provide some input into improving your knowledge.

Q44 Does your council subscribe to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletters to keep informed of current issues in bioethics?

☐

yes

☐

no

Summary and Final Thoughts

Q45 Is there a specific area/topic you would like to see more information on?

☐

yes

☐

no

Q46 If yes, what topic would you like to learn more about?

Q47 Please share any other council activities not yet reported.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your council's initiatives will be added to the strong voice of Catholic women across Canada.

Before pressing the "submit" button, please "print" the survey responses for your records.

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