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Christian Family Life

Care for our Common Home

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3 1If I speak in human and angelic tongues* but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. 2And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

THEME - The national theme is *Care for Our Common Home*. Our Provincial President has added to this the topic of *loneliness*.

Sanctity of Life and Dignity of All Peoples

Truth and Reconciliation – Residential Schools in Canada

Many individuals in Canada are suffering as a result of the residential schools in Canada. Although the very basis of government policy, including residential schools, to irradicate the Indian from the children was wrong, the intentions of many working at the schools were not. As the national representative for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, mandated to engage Catholic faithful in truth and reconciliation, "I have seen firsthand the struggle of individuals, from various religious communities, in their struggle to reconcile what they know of their religious order to the implied corruption of the running of residential schools. It is challenging to put that aside to allow Indigenous peoples to state their truth based on personal and shared experiences. If this challenge is met with love from all parties, our reconciliation journey will move forward; however, love does not dictate correction of personal and shared experiences. It means listening quietly and praying for those suffering to reach the point where their hearts are touched, and they recognize not all those involved in residential schools hated their peoples. Let us pray together to God that through His Grace all will receive the patience and courage required through the Holy Spirit's work in us all, here and now. Amen."

Suffering and the Pandemic

(Shared by Toronto Arch-Diocesan CFL Chair Iris McNulty)

Lourdes North American Volunteers has now prepared a five- part video series on Suffering and The Pandemic. You can access the site by the link in the explore corner below or by: 1. going to YouTube; 2. typing in Lourdes Pandemic Series; 3. scroll to the episode number. Each segment is 30 minutes long. The themes addressed are:

- Episode 1: Hope in Bereavement
- Episode 2: Holy Grieving
- Episode 3: Faith Through Tragedy
- Episode 4: Restoration and Grace Through Burnout
- Episode 5: Healing From Pandemic Suffering

This is worthwhile information to share with our sisters and others in our parishes.

Ministry to Youth, Disabled, Seniors, Widowed, Separated, Divorced

In a global advertisement campaign, Pope Francis said, “Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love—love for oneself, love for one’s family and friends, love for all people.” In every province and territory, there is a need to contact people who may be unable to access vaccines due to their circumstances. Especially at risk are seniors who live on their own or people in rural areas. If each council encouraged its members to reach out to people who might want to be vaccinated and perhaps help them to access a clinic, it would be possible to help save more lives.

Respectfully submitted.

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