



**Timmins Diocesan Council of
The Catholic Women's League of
Canada Education and Health
Standing Committee
*Care for our Common Home***



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To: Parish Education and Health Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Bernice Duncan, Diocesan Education and Health Standing Committee Chairperson

cc: Diocesan President, Diocesan Executive, Parish Presidents, Provincial Education and Health Standing Committee Chairperson , Life members

*"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."
(Saint Mother Teresa)*

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, I know you were all busy but I hope you had time to sit and enjoy the love of your family and friends.

Medical Assistance in Dying

The Canadian Department of Justice is having an online consultation on "Medical Assistance In Dying". If you would like to participate and also offer your views go to the website " Canadian Department of Justice", or you can do the consultation sent by "Coalition Life". The deadline to have participated is January 27, 2020. The parish presidents would have received the email from Coalition Life.

Health Teams

The provincial government is introducing Ontario Health Teams across the province, "*... to provide a new way of organizing and delivering care that is more connected to patients in their local communities. Under Ontario Health Teams, health care providers (including hospitals, doctors and home and community care providers) work as one coordinated team - no matter where they provide care.*" (Ontario government website – Ministry of Health, Ministry of Long-Term Care)

<http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/connectedcare/ohd/#OHT>).

As members, let us pray (and remain hopeful) that this new model will help to improve health care across this great province!

National Chairperson Faith Anderson advises the League is a proud supporter of the **Canadian Blood Services - Partners for Life** program. Is your council registered? Has it designated a specific number of donations for the year? Are members aware they can allocate blood donations to more than one organization? Councils are encouraged to register for the program under the League's unique partner ID (CATH011269). For more details, use this

link: <https://blood.ca/en/ways-donate/donate-partner?CloseMenu=&OpenDocument=>

Vaping and E-Cigarettes

In 2014, the League passed *Resolution 2014.02 – Electronic Cigarettes* (**for the full text ... go to <https://cwl.ca/resolution-2014-02-electronic-cigarettes/>**).

Since then, laws have been passed; however, it is important to educate ourselves, particularly in light of the latest 'press' about the possible negative effects of vaping.

□ Health Minister Christine Elliot announced the Ontario provincial government will ban the promotion of vaping products in convenience stores and gas stations effective January 1, 2020 (National Post – October 25, 2019)

□ The Ontario government is considering a ban on flavoured vaping products (Toronto Sun – December 5, 2019)

□ NDP MPP France G linas introduced *Bill 151, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2019* to prohibit promotion of vapour products. Click this link to read Bill 151:

https://www.ola.org/sites/default/files/node-files/bill/document/pdf/2019/2019-11/b151_e.pdf

Federal Cabinet Ministers (new) and Ontario Minister of Education

Contact information for three Ministers whose work pertains to *education and health*: (Mailing Address: **House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6** - * free postage)

Minister of Health – The Honourable Patty Hajdu (email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

Minister of Seniors – The Honourable Deb Schulte (email: Deb.Schulte@parl.gc.ca)

Ontario Minister of Education – The Honourable Stephen Lecce (email: stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org) or by mail: Ministry of Education, 5th Floor, 438 University Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5G 2K8

When Karen McDonald; Provincial Education & Health chairperson experiences loneliness, she takes comfort in these words from a favourite hymn:

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me to the quiet streams. He restores my soul and He leads me in the paths that are right:

Your goodness always is with me and your mercy I know. Your loving kindness strengthens me always as I go through life. I shall dwell in your presence forever, giving praise to your name:

Lord, you are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.

(Because the Lord Is My Shepherd by Christopher Walk)

*Stay warm ! Your sister in the League,
Bernice*