

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Louise Rockburn, Education and Health Chair

Madam President,

Three months ago, a League delegation met with various federal leaders in Ottawa to discuss the members' concerns through the resolution process. One of the topics was Resolution 2015.1, known as "Increase Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Health Services"

Having recognized this issue, the federal government has taken several steps to address this resolution:

1. It is providing more funding for mental health services
2. It has provided specialized training for those working directly with youths suffering from mental health and addiction and
3. A website known as "Wellness Together Canada" was created with services both in French and English. Its service is available 24 hrs a day, seven days a week. For more information, check the website: wellnesstogether.ca.

The pamphlet "Catholic Education in Ontario Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit" has been updated by the Ontario CWL Provincial Council. The pamphlet now contains historical background on Catholic education in Ontario as well as current statistics for student enrollment in English and French Catholic schools in the province. The pamphlet is available on the Provincial site under the icon "Resources".

The environment, being another responsibility of Education and Health, the following dates are important to remember and some to act upon:

May 17th: World Bee Day

June: World Ocean Day, World Rainforest Day

Sept 26th: International Day of Food Loss and Waste

Sept 1st-Oct 4th: The Season of Creation

Oct 4th: Day of St Francis of Assisi with the theme being "Let Justice and Peace Flow"

Respectfully submitted