

OTTAWA DIOCESAN CWL COUNCIL
EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

TO: Parish Education and Health Chairs
FROM: Joanna Sisk, Standing Committee Chair

2012: A new year and a great time to plan for the year ahead.

Please review the Constitution & Bylaws under Education and Health for ideas. I am not going to rewrite them but the headings are:

- Catholic Schools and Catechesis
- Rites of Christian Initiation
- Literacy and Continuing Education
- Scholarships and Bursaries
- Wellness and Sickness/Disease
- Environment
- Genetics

Pick one or two areas and plan for the year, being as creative as you like and contact Heather Sisk (Pres.) to get word out to the rest of us.

In past Directives I enclosed pamphlets re: Advance Directives. The Ottawa Diocesan Centre Development Office has an Estate Organizer available for distribution free of charge for its members. Call 613-738 5024 ext. 235 to request one. It keeps all your important information in one place, thus making so much easier for those left to find all your information.

A quote from this pamphlet:

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

St. Francis of Assisi

WINTER AWARENESS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY:

- Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day - Feb. 12
- Eating Disorder Awareness Week - First Week
- Heart and Stroke Month
- International Childhood Cancer Day - Feb. 15
- White Cane Week - First Week

MARCH:

- Help fight Liver Disease Month
- Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
- Kidney Month
- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month
- National Epilepsy Month
- National Nutrition Month

For more information on health-promotion events, go to www.charityvillage.ca and click on events.

In November 2011 I attended Our Catholic Schools Meeting at the School Board.

One of many topics discussed was the variety of Sacramental Preparation, and in some places the lack of it, at the Parish level. I passed on the shock of our C.W.L. members at this situation. The O.C.S.B. C.E.O. said that he will talk to the Archbishop about it and the Religious Education Coordinator told me that she also had talked to Archbishop Prendergast about the present situation since the November Meeting.

I am still collecting CHESS GAMES for some schools that are trying this creative way of teaching math skills, concentration etc. If your members or parishioners have old/new chess games to donate they will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you need pick up. jgsisk@ymail.com