

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESAN COUNCIL Spiritual Development Communiqué #9 Lorraine Thibeault, Spiritual Development Chairperson

"Spiritual growth is the very heart of the League and the essence of its existence. The patroness of the League is the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel."

(from the CWL Executive Handbook)

This coming Monday begins the Palliative Care Week (May 4-10). May 4 is the CWL's 12 Hours for Palliative Care. National Executive has put out some information on this along with prayers. Please check the National website (https://cwl.ca/) for the Palliative Care Kit which has much information and many suggestions for action along with many prayers. Please remind your members about our focus on 12 Hours of Prayer for palliative care and encourage them to participate in some way. Below is some information that you can pass on.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care - May 2020 – The following information was recently sent. The CWL 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care is taking place on Monday, May 4, so I am resending some of the information to encourage you to participate with members across Canada.

- "God has a weakness for the prayers of his people. Indeed, prayer is man's greatest power. Therefore, we must never tire of knocking at the door of God's heart and asking for help. For God is a relentless warrior when he is called upon to defend his people" (Pope Francis).
- 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care May 4-10, 2020 was chosen to run simultaneously with National Hospice Palliative Care Week of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association.
- It is suggested that parish councils participate by organizing an at-home prayer service.
 Together, with members across the country, members can do what they do best—pray
 for palliative care and for those Canadians who have chosen home palliative care during
 the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below is a list of resources you can use for Palliative Care Week:

♣ Palliative Care Kit (pdf)

https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Palliative-Care-Kit-2020-final.pdf

- ▶ Palliative Care Postcard, https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/180-Palliative-Care-Postcard.pdf
- ▶ Physician's Way of the Cross, https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/A-Physicians-Way-of-the-Cross-Brochure-pdf.pdf
- ★ The Way of the Cross Today: Reflections on Suffering in Sickness and Dying, http://saltandlighttv.org/blogfeed/getpost.php?id=69128&language=en
- ▲ Ending Suffering: The Palliative Alternative.

 https://arpacanada.ca/news/2017/03/30/ending-suffering-the-palliative-alternative-part-7/
- World Health Organization (WHO) Definition of Palliative Care www.who.int/cancer/palliative/definition/en/
- Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) www.chpca.net
- Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) https://www.colf.ca/images/pubs-downloads/LIF-007-E.pdf
- **♣ Canadian Virtual Hospice (CVH)** www.virtualhospice.ca
- ➡ Video Shushwap Hospice Society
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7wYEzYfhQM&feature=youtu.be

On the National CWL website (https://cwl.ca/) you can find the following resources:

- Under Resources 800 Series Workshop on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
- Under Resolutions
 - Education and Health: 2007.03 Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System
 - Legislation: 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying
 - Legislation: 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals
 - Legislation: 2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service
 - o Christian Family Life: 2004.01 Protection of Human Life
- Under News-Releases: 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care 2020-05-02

On behalf of all those in Hospice/Palliative Care and their loved ones, thank you for your prayers.