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To: Toronto Diocesan CWL Parish Councils
From: Hilarion Mitchell, President
Copied: Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, Spiritual Advisor; Toronto Diocesan Council Executive; Regional Chairs; Regional and Parish Spiritual Advisors; Colleen Perry, President, Ontario Provincial Council
Encl.: Archdiocese of Toronto COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (Sept. 24, 2021 and Memo Vaccination Policy FAQ (Oct. 4, 2021), Letter from Ontario Provincial Council, Oct. 8, 2021)
Date: October 17, 2021
Re: CWL Members & COVID-19 Vaccination Policies

As a Catholic organization, the League follows the diocesan policies and/or protocols concerning health and safety and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Based on the Archdiocese of Toronto COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, September 24, 2021, volunteers throughout the archdiocese must present proof of COVID-19 vaccination to their volunteer co-ordinator or pastor to continue with their ministry at this time or, in some cases, submit to weekly rapid-antigen tests. The policy applies to any volunteers screened or administered by the Archdiocese of Toronto. While the Catholic Women's League is a service organization that is not administered by the archdiocese, many members volunteer in parish ministries and will be asked for proof of vaccination as part of those duties. The archdiocese has asked volunteers to submit confirmation of 2nd vaccination by Friday, October 22, 2021.

Vaccination is not required for participants attending Mass or parish ministry meetings, unless they are serving in a leadership role as noted above. For clarification, members can liaise with their local pastor to determine the parish policy regarding meetings or other activities.

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, the City of Toronto, and other municipalities encourage vaccinations to help protect everyone against COVID-19 and help to keep our communities and businesses safe. Vaccines enhance the body's natural ability to fight infections. The effectiveness of a two-dose vaccine series increases after the second dose. It is important to get both doses for the best protection against COVID-19 and its more transmissible variants.

We are also encouraging members to protect themselves, loved ones, community and fellow sisters in the League by getting vaccinated. Contact your regional chair if you have further questions.



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