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Dear Education and Health Chairs and Council Presidents:

Welcome all of you and to all newly elected to this Committee! Thank you to everyone who is now in the second year of their term.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your newly elected Toronto Diocesan Council Education and Health Chair. I am looking forward to meeting you and working together for the next two years on our theme “Catholic and Living It”. Carolyn Meaney has graciously accepted to be a sub-convenor of this Committee and assist me with some of the Youth Awards. I am still looking for a couple of other sub-convenors to assist with other aspects of this Committee. Let me know if you know of someone who might be interested.

It is important and recommended to have a couple of sub convenors to assist you with the work of this Committee and the various components.

The Education component of this committee is an opportunity to promote education at all levels of the League. The Annual Youth Awards Program continues to be a key educational based project across the Toronto Diocese. The program is comprised of the following four contests:

- Mary Matthews Public Speaking
- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award
- St Michael's College Scholarship

For the remainder of the Education and Health components of this committee on issues concerning education, health and wellness matters, the environment and genetics at the municipal, provincial and federal levels will be sent to you to be used to keep our parish communities updated. Directives and Communiques from all levels of the League will continue to funnel through the current channels as action items, projects and for distribution to your councils and members.

The Youth Awards Program Package of all the necessary forms, rules and guidelines for the contests of the Youth Awards as listed above will be available on the Toronto Diocesan website link: http://www.cwltoronto.ca/index.php/reference_documents.

In addition, each Regional Chair and each Regional Education and Health Chair will receive a full package of ALL the documents in print form for those councils who cannot access the internet.

For starters, review the checklist of all the necessary forms required for each contest, along with CWL Youth Awards Program – Guidelines for Parishes and Regions for tips to help ensure a successful Youth Awards Program and Contests Submission due dates.

I urge you to contact your parish school(s) and arrange to meet with the principals and teachers to review the material and seek their involvement. Refer to the deadline dates and, ensure that you provide ample time to allow the staff to fit these projects into their schedule.

The Diocese will not set the dates that the parishes' submissions are due to their Regions. Each Region will set their own due date(s) based on when the Regional submissions are due to the Diocesan level. We ask that Regions set their dates as soon as possible and communicate that information to their parishes so they can, in turn, set their parish level due dates.

To ensure there is sufficient time to complete all the tasks at each level, it is important that everyone adheres to the due dates and sends their submissions with all the required documentation to the next level (parish to region and region to diocese) on or before the set dates.

In parishes where this is an election year, we ask that the current President and Education and Health Chair start the Youth Awards Program process to establish a solid introduction and foundation to ease the transition process and keep the momentum going.

Presidents, if you don't have an Education and Health Standing Committee Chair, consider creating a team to run the Youth Awards Program for your council. Perhaps make it into a project where members can actively participate. This will also help promote interest and growth within your councils.

Wishing you much success in your role. May our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all that we do.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Your sister in the League,

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