



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Dear Council Presidents:

The Toronto Diocesan Council is pleased once again to offer the 2024 Youth Awards package. I encourage you to review the 2023 Youth Awards booklet that is posted on the diocesan website (cwltoronto.ca). In this document you will see the submissions of our awards winners.

This year there will be a new submission process. The forms should be submitted by the parish council to the corresponding sub-convenor as outlined below. Councils find it useful to have a few members to assist with the work of the Youth Awards and the various components of the Education and Health Committee (Service) aspect.

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 Communiqués 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.

To start, 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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