

Education and Health Annual Report Survey - 2017

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As parish education and health standing committee chairpersons, your survey adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The survey is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of it. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing this annual survey. In my past year, as the national chairperson of education and health, the information derived from the completion of the annual survey last year was of great benefit to me and undoubtedly will be again with your completion of the 2017 survey. It also resulted in feedback which led to the change of some of the questions for this year. The work that all councils across Canada do will be better able to be compared to see where work is being focused and perhaps where I can be of greater assistance to the various levels. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questions that are relevant for your council so we may serve you better in the future.

Fran Lucas, National First Vice-President and Chairperson of Education and Health

1. Is this position vacant? *

- Yes No

2. Are you completing this survey on someone else's behalf? *

- Yes No

3. On whose behalf are you completing this survey for? Please enter the name of the chairperson. *

Catholic Education

Catholic education strives for the development of the human person in every aspect of his/her being, in order that he/she may develop spiritually, physically and socially.

4. Have you become informed about the quality and availability of Catholic religious instruction in your parish and local area schools?*

- Yes
- No

5. Have you actively encouraged parental participation in all areas of school activities?*

- Yes
- No

6. Have you investigated the needs of local schools that could be met by your parish council? If so, what needs were identified?

- Breakfast or lunch programs
- Clothing drives
- Extracurricular activities
- Field trip or recess supervision
- Sacramental/faith development assistance (belongs under Christian family life)
- School supplies
- Scholarships or bursaries
- Tutoring
- Other (please specify) _____
- I haven't done so.

7. Are you aware of the family life programs being taught in your local schools?*

- Yes
- No

8. Have you personally become involved in the sacramental initiation programs in your parish?*

- Yes
- No

9. How many members of your council participated in the sacramental initiation programs offered by your parish?*

Literacy and Continuing Education

Pope John Paul II chose to address the topic of illiteracy in his 1995 Lenten message as "the hidden evil which deprives a great number of poor people of many possibilities for progress." Education is a life-long process.

10. Have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills?*

- Yes
- No

Scholarship and Bursaries

Support the National Bursary Fund and the Coady International Institute Fund. These funds assist members or potential lay leaders from abroad to take courses which will prepare them to serve in their communities.

11. Does your council have a list of scholarships and bursaries that are available and could be accessed by Catholic women to further their education?*

- Yes
- No

12.Does your council provide a bursary or scholarship or provide funds to another bursary or scholarship? Who are the recipients?

	Provide a bursary	Provide a scholarship	Contribute to a bursary fund	Contribute to a scholarship fund
Catholic Christian Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic women furthering their education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elementary aged children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High school students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NET Ministries of Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
University/college students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13.Have you promoted the National Bursary Fund and/or the Coady International Institute?*

	Yes	No
National Bursary Fund	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coady International Institute	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14.How much has your council contributed in 2017 toward:*

National Bursary Fund

Coady International Institute

Wellness and Sickness/Disease

It is vitally important that we work for universal access and excellence of quality in the health care system

15. Recently, the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada released its 2017 Report on the Health of Canadians, entitled “The kids are not alright”. The report’s subtitle, “How the food and beverage industry is marketing our children and youth to death” really captures the theme and subject matter of this well-researched report. Has your council studied this report?*

- Yes
- No

16. Partners for Mental Health has provided a link to the Right By You campaign offering free resources and a toolkit parents and/or caregivers can use to begin conversations with their young people about mental health. The Right By You campaign supports Resolution 2015.01 Increased Early Access and Intervention to Child and Youth Mental Health Services, providing information to members and the public in building awareness around this topic. Has your council taken up this initiative?*

- Yes
- No

17. The issue of multiple chemical sensitivity and environment sensitivities has been entrusted to education and health as a priority for 2017/2018. Has your council begun to study the issues faced by people suffering from MCS?*

- Yes
- No

18. Has your council supported national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians?

- Alzheimer Society of Canada

- Arthritis Society [The]
- Autism Canada
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- CNIB, Canadian National Institute for the Blind
- Canadian Red Cross
- Catholic Health Alliance of Canada
- Children's Wish Foundation of Canada
- Cystic Fibrosis Canada
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Kidney Foundation of Canada [The]
- MaterCare International
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada
- Relay for Life
- Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada
- Other (please specify) _____

19.Resolution 2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives calls for the federal government to require complete warning labels on food products, to provide complete information on all patient information sheets that accompany pharmaceuticals, and to engage in a program of public education on the adverse effects of inactive substances and additives. What action has your council taken to support this resolution?*

- Write to the prime minister and minister of health about including all inactive substances and additives in warning labels.
- Raise members' awareness of the danger of possible adverse reactions to inactive substances and additives.
- Monitor the federal government's response to the request contained in the resolution.
- Other, please specify... _____
- This topic is not a priority for my council at this time.

20. Resolution 2016.02 Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide calls for the federal government to revise the food guide now and at five year intervals. It also asks that the date of revision be on the guide. What action plan items has your council undertaken to support this resolution?*

- Write letters to the prime minister and minister of health urging revision of the food guide.
- Hold a speaker presentation on health living and food choices.
- Educate members about the food guide and encourage healthy food choices
- Monitor the government's response to the request contained in the resolution.
- Other, please specify... _____
- This topic is not a priority for my council at this time.

21. "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" was held on May 4, 2017 in parish councils across Canada. In what ways did your council participate?*

- arrange for a prayer space in a parish
- arrange for a prayer space in a home
- invite neighboring churches
- supply brochures on local palliative care facilities and services
- participate in the national lap quilt challenge
- offer refreshments and a time for fellowship
- welcome and support those who shared their own experience of palliative care
- take a free will offering and donate it to the local hospice
- have a parish council discussion about how to assist in palliative care
- Other, please specify... _____
- Our council did not participate this year.

Environment

The environment needs protection and sustainable development.

22. Did your parish council participate in International Earth Hour Vigil on March 25th?*

- Yes
- No

23. What environmental issues has your council addressed during the year?*

- Recycling
- Reduce the use of Styrofoam ® cups
- Renewable energy, wind turbines
- Green bins for organic waste
- Eliminate plastic water bottles
- Roadside or community clean-up
- Climate change
- Reduced paper use at council meetings
- Read *Laudato Si'*
- Other, please specify... _____
- Our council did not address environmental issues this year.

Genetics

Society is in danger of being directed by what can be done technologically rather than by what ought to be done.

24. How would you rate your knowledge in regards to the advantages and disadvantages of technological development in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church?*

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

25. Does your council subscribe to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletters to keep informed of current issues in bioethics?*

- Yes
- No

Summary and Final Thoughts

26. Thank you for sharing any other comments about your council's education and health activities. Is there a specific area you would like to see more information on? Is there a question you feel should be included in this survey?