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Happy Easter! Happy Spring! Happy Earth Day! Happy Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel! Hope you had fruitful celebrations for all of the recent holidays and that you're getting ready to meet me in Ottawa for convention. ☺

Councils tend to wind down for the summer after convention, so I wanted to send a quick memo to remind you of a couple of Education and Health issues to keep in your prayers, and activities to consider as you look ahead to your fall meetings. In addition to the following information, don't forget to read the third communiqué by national chairperson of Education and Health Nancy Simms (online at www.cwl.ca), and the relevant articles in the spring issue of the League magazine – the call to action by Bishop McGrattan, and the informative article on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

Assisted Suicide – In light of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision to strike down the law banning assisted suicide, we must plea with the government for a more comprehensive palliative care program. Review CWL Resolution 2007.03 *Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System*, read the statement by the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (attached to the e-mail with this memo) and write letters to the Minister of Health and to your MPs.

Health Ed in Ontario – The province of Ontario released an updated Health and Physical Education curriculum that will be implemented this fall, which initially caused some confusion and panic for parents concerned about sex issues being taught in greater detail to younger-aged children. Cardinal Thomas Collins, president of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, released a statement reiterating that “*while Catholic schools have a responsibility to follow the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, they have always sought to do so in a way that conveys, respects and models Catholic Christian principles.... They will continue this tradition.*” The Institute for Catholic Education will help teachers at Catholic schools implement the new curriculum in a way that is consistent with Church teaching.

Movie Night Suggestions – Movie nights are a great summer social activity for your council. You don't need to have a quorum to enjoy popcorn, a movie, and a good discussion! Consider gathering at someone's house with one of these Education and Health related Oscar-winning movies from 2014:

American Sniper – based on an autobiography by US Navy SEAL Chris Kyle. This movie would make an excellent starting point for a brainstorming session for our PTSD resolution.

The Theory of Everything – a story about Stephen Hawking and his wife, and his diagnosis with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease). Father Robert Barron posted a video review of this movie, which can be found at www.wordonfire.org under "resources."

Whiplash – a story about a drummer and his music teacher, who uses cruel methods for getting his students to reach their potential. Father Barron has a review of this one, too.

Still Alice – based on a best-selling book about a linguistics professor with early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Happy reading, happy letter-writing, and happy movie-watching. See you in Ottawa!

Your sister in the League,

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