



Catholic Women's League of Canada
Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Education and Health
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“Care for Our Common Home”

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Dear Sisters in the League:

In the Fall 2021 “The Canadian League” posted on the National CWL website www.cwl.ca, Education and Health chairperson shared valuable information.

- The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has been working on developing a palliative care kit for parishes to be launched on November 21st. The kit includes videos, resources and links and will be available on the CCCB website for downloading.
- To recognize the 100th anniversary of the League, Coady International Institute has produced two videos with testimonies from women who have graduated for the Diploma in Developmental Leadership Program. \$13,543 collected from councils to June 20, 2021, will be provided to the institute to help women with leadership opportunities.
- Some councils participated in the Care for Our Common Home initiative by planting trees, arranging clean-up of community areas, and eliminating plastic straws, plastic bags, and Styrofoam. Since the release of Pope Francis' Laudato Si', members have been reminded of the ongoing need to care for the planet. Throughout 2021 and 2022, the Laudato Si' Action Platform will be launched in states to be comprised of three elements: Laudato Si' plans, practical guidance, and community. More information is available at laudatosiactionplatform.org.

Update of Nova Scotia services and programs

- **Literacy Nova Scotia (LNS)** provided leadership to advance literacy by ensuring that all Nova Scotians have equal access to quality literacy, essential skills, and lifelong learning opportunities. Laubach Literacy of Canada-Nova Scotia Chapter Society has generously been granted the use of office space by the Cape Breton Literacy Network. Email: llcns@syd.eastlink.ca

- **Équipe d’alphabétisation Nouvelle-Écosse** – L’alpha familiale coordonne une série d’ateliers gratuits pour les familles acadiennes et francophones avec de jeunes enfants offerts partout en Nouvelle-Écosse. Email: direction@eane.ca (*Translation* – Family Alpha coordinates a series of free workshops for Acadians and Francophones families with young children offered throughout Nova Scotia. Email: direction@eane.ca)

Nova Scotia Health – to access complete Nova Scotia Health information go to <http://nshealth.ca>

- *Province Supports Emergency Service Providers* – Ground search and rescue, volunteer fire departments and other emergency services provider groups will get more than \$1.14 million from the province to buy equipment that will help them save lives.
- *Patient transfer information* – Government will invest \$3.1 million annually to expand the patient transfer service, which includes: adding 28 new non paramedic drivers; adding five new vehicles to the existing fleet; doubling the number of patient transfer hours per week, which will help fully staffed ground ambulances focus on 911 responses.
- *Proof of vaccination and third dose* -As part of the proof of full vaccination protocol, you need proof that you're [fully vaccinated](#) to participate in discretionary, non-essential events and activities that gather people together (like going to restaurants, movies, sports events, theatre performances, social events and the gym). Proof of vaccination isn't required for children 11 and younger (they can attend events and activities with a fully vaccinated adult or on their own).

Beginning October 19, Nova Scotians aged 12 and older who are moderately to severely immunized or who are taking medications that substantially suppress their immune system will be able to book a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine online or by phone.

- *VirtualCareNova Scotia Pilot Program Expanding Province wide* – Government will invest an initial \$1.3 million to support Nova Scotia Health to expand VirtualCareNS pilot program while recruitment efforts for a doctor are enhanced.

Efficiency Nova Scotia – *one of the many programs*

- **Fridge and Freezer Recycling** - Older fridges and freezers can use more electricity than any other appliance in your home, so retiring them can mean real savings—up to \$180 a year. Free pickup and get cash back:
 - o We’ll pick up your old working fridge or freezer for free
 - o We’ll properly recycle and make sure the CFCs are removed
 - o We’ll give you **\$50!** (Limited time offer)
 - o Add an air conditioner, get an extra \$10
 - o Add a mini fridge or mini freezer and get an extra \$10

Daily words of inspiration from Pope Francis

“Let us remember what the pandemic has shown us, namely that we cannot remain healthy in a world that is sick. In recent times, many people have contracted the sickness of forgetfulness, forgetfulness of God and of our brothers and sisters... The earth we inhabit bears the scars of this, while the air we breath is rich in toxins

but poor in solidarity... Prayer and action can change the course of history. Brothers and sisters, be courageous” We have before us a vision, the same vision shared by so many young people and men and women of good will: the earth as a common home, in which peoples dwell as brothers and sisters.”

Pope Francis