

May 18, 2021

TO: All Parish Council Presidents
All diocesan Officers
Life Members

FROM: Susan Casey, Communications Chair

SUBJECT: Diocesan Communications Spring Communiqué

"May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our lives."

Spring is a time of renewal. What better time to renew our commitments to the various works that we do! As Archbishop Smith talked about at our Annual Convention, on May 15th, it is time to determine how we see the "culture of care". We could look at this as a time to renew our commitment to focus on our Resolutions <https://cwl.ca/resolutions-by-year>.

We are well on our way to having Albertans vaccinated and with all Albertans, ages 12 and up, eligible to receive their vaccine, I encourage you to get your *jab*. If you are seeking information on vaccines please go to the Alberta COVID website <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17349.aspx> to find out how to book your vaccine appointment and to get answers to your questions.

Pornography Hurts

Let us consider the need to strengthen our commitment to our CWL resolution [2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites](#) to the There is so much information available on the harms of pornography, perhaps take the time to look at it with renewed vigor. As we are still in the pandemic and unable to meet so let's turn to our computers and get this campaign going.

There has been a lot of news coverage on Pornhub and MindGeek in the past few months, about the need to have mandatory age verification on these sites; so much so that major credit card companies have suspended processing payments on Pornhub, which is a very positive news.

Bill S-203 **An Act to restrict young persons' online access to sexually explicit material**, introduced by Senator Julie Miville-Dechene, was sent to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. Please send the committee members the Pornography Hurts postcards, available on our National website <https://cwl.ca/instructions-for-printing-pornography-hurts-postcard/>. There are twelve senators on this committee so include them all. Here is the link to help you <https://sencanada.ca/en/committees/lcjc/>. Please note, that when sending these to the senators, it is NOT postage free. Please, also send the postcards, postage free, to members of parliament.

55th World Communications Day

Pope Francis has given us an important message in his address for World Communications Day, in which he stresses to communicate by "encountering people where and as they are." Here is the link to his message http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html.

I ask that you continue to foster a culture of care as the many activities you have done during the pandemic have shown.

I am committed to posting information on our website, so if you have news to share, please contact me at edmontoncwl.communications@gmail.com. If sending photos, please include a story explaining the photo. If you have events or fund raising activities you want to share with other councils, send them in and I will get them posted. Also, continue to reach out for information on our website <http://www.edmontoncwl.org/> as it is updated regularly.

Reach out to your members with clear communication of things you would like to accomplish in 2021.

May Our Lady of Good counsel continue to guide us.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

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