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It was a real privilege to read the reports from the various parishes of St. Paul Diocese and acquire a sense of what the CWL ladies are accomplishing. It is wonderful to see even small groups of four who are active and assist in various church and community functions. Most parishes are involved in Religious Instruction of one form or another and are very generous in organizing and assisting with first communion and confirmation activities. There are many groups who do have Bible study or have additional Bible study.

I did note that not many parishes access the CWL Bursary fund and I would encourage those that have not, to access this to aid in the work for Education or health issues. I noted that many parishes do much work in visiting the sick or elderly as well as assist in palliative care organizations.

There does seem to be a strong interest in health issues and members were involved in planning speakers around various health topics, including the H1N1 virus. As I read through the reports, I observed a theme of the parishes being concerned about the environment and that ecologically sound practices are encouraged at a local level. Some parishes have looked at issues in genetics such as stem cell research and I would encourage all parishes to do what they can to be aware of these and other topics that deal with genetics. This may include letter writing campaigns, reading media reports or having a guest speaker on a topic.

I noted that several parishes donated to the Coady International Institute <www.coady.stfx.ca> fund and I would encourage this as well as prayers for the work that they do in developing nations and sponsorship of people to gain skills in Canada and then take these to their home country to assist in improvements there.

In closing I would like to say that all parishes have done well to keep apprised of various issues and informed about the numerous health and education topics that arise.

For God & Canada,

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