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London Diocesan Council



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CC: London Diocesan Council, Dara Hartman and Mary Kennedy (sub-committee members)
From: Mary Bannon, First Vice-President, Education and Health
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I care about the diversity of the mindset of the people creating our future, and the windows through which we see it, and the tools we use to build it.

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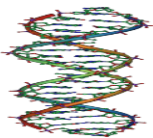
EDUCATION: What an astonishing three years of my term! Beginning with the ongoing challenges to Catholic education in our system we have certainly experienced a creative, innovative, albeit at times difficult, virtual online learning. Even our CWL ladies have had to adjust to virtual meetings—a true testament to their commitment to lifelong education. Our four Catholic universities in the diocese, Assumption, Brescia, Kings and the Seminary have also faced this challenge with their students.



HEALTH: During my term I have focused on many aspects of health: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. I have encouraged my CWL sisters to take care of themselves through being aware of signals in their bodies and physical examinations such as mammograms. Personal experience drove this home to me as a small lump was found in my breast forcing surgery and chemotherapy with radiation to come. The pandemic made many of us anxious and lonely leading to different forms of communication to connect with others such as phone calls, cards and facetime. I think we have prayed more for each other as well.



ENVIRONMENT: We have undertaken many initiatives in our efforts to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Much focus has been on protecting our water (postcard campaign), banning the use of bottled water and petitioning the government to stop Nestle from taking water from springs to sell. Premier Ford's efforts to cut the Tree Planting program failed because of voter pressure. For Pope Francis "Green equals Pro-Life".



GENETICS: I know I have learned a lot about genetics from the good of gene therapy to the evil of gene enhancement. I also learned how beneficial adult stem cells are and how we are right to disallow embryonic stem cells since science has proven they are not as effective. But still more to learn.
Stay Safe! Stay healthy! God bless! Mary