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To: All Parish Presidents, Education and Health Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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Another September (Time flies) Because of my many years of teaching, even though I am retired, I still feel like a new year is beginning. After the warmth of summer, the cool temperatures of fall days feel refreshing. Soon we will be enjoying autumn's fall colours.

**Catholic Education-** another school year for students and parents. Many children are back in class. We can help foster and promote the distinctly Catholic character of our school communities through participation and communication. There are many initiatives and issues parents and the Catholic community can provide input.

**Rites of Christian Initiation-** In many of our parishes the Rite of Christian Initiation process is beginning. Consider joining the RCIA team and help to mentor someone on their journey of faith. Commit to praying for RCIA candidates and the RCIA team.

**Wellness and Sickness/ Disease-** September is the month of Ovarian Cancer Awareness and the symbol is a teal ribbon. Ovarian cancer claims the lives of 5 Canadian women each day. We still need a reliable screening test, improved access to treatments and research funding. More widely known is that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. I have been part of the Pink Ribbon fundraising and Run for the Cure for many years. These are good causes for your council participation.

**Environment-** Pope Francis has called us to be protectors of creation. We can promote the use of recycling blue boxes. We can reduce the use of paper by emailing our minutes, using overheads at meetings. Many councils have implemented the no paper cups, plates or plastic cutlery rules. In view of the importance Pope Francis is placing on these areas, our provincial council in the Education and Health annual report is encouraging us to invite speakers and promote research and discussion on topics related to the environment and genetics.

Respectfully submitted:

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