

This year one of our objectives is to learn more about Hospice/Palliative Care. I accompanied one of our Catholic Women's League councils touring Hospice Windsor in February. The staff gave us lots of information to share with their council.

Members have written letters to their MPP's against Euthanasia and Doctor Assisted Suicide.

Councils have had speakers discussing Physician Assisted Dying and Hospice/Palliative Care differences to educate CWL and Church members.

Some of our members are joining the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Presidents are ordering the "Euthanasia Deception Video" and "Caring Not Killing" pamphlets. They are inviting their councils and church congregations to view the video; and giving out the pamphlets at their churches to educate all on this important issue.

Another CWL had a speaker on End of life care and decisions we have to make. They brought up questions about Advanced Care Planning.

One council knitted and crocheted 100 Afghans, and made pillows to prevent bed sores for Palliative care patients at Hotel Dieu Grace Health Care facility. For the 150th anniversary of Canada they are challenging themselves to make 150 lap quilts and Afghans for Hospice Windsor by the end of 2017.

Members of another council give donations in members' names to Hospice. They continue to say the rosary and prayers at Madonna House every month for Hospice/Palliative Care.

Plans are in the works for the May 4th CWL 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. Most councils share the hours of prayer with their spiritual director and churches.

This is very close to my heart as I lost my sister at Christmas. She had Alzheimer's and became sick with double pneumonia. When the hospital couldn't do anything for her, she was to be moved to Hospice. Her husband wanted Hospice Care at home, and the services were brought to her. She died peacefully with her family surrounding her December 24th at 12 noon.

Windsor councils will tell you "we may not brag in Windsor but we humbly get the job done at our councils and in our community".

Madame President, this ends my report.