



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: April 18, 2017

FROM: Joan Bona, National chairperson of resolutions

TO: Parish chairperson of resolutions

CC: Parish presidents, diocesan presidents, provincial presidents, life members (on request)

Greetings to all members!

As I write this memo, a blizzard warning looms across Nova Scotia. It is a time of preparedness in the event of power outages or an interruption in access to necessities. Just as we prepare for extreme weather, my thoughts turn to parish councils who are busy preparing and researching resolutions. Whether a resolution is directed locally, provincially or nationally, it is undoubtedly a busy time.

The National Resolutions Committee is set to meet early in July. This year, the national convention takes place from August 6-9, 2017, in Charlottetown. The earlier date from previous conventions will cause the committee to begin its work prior to our face-to-face meeting in July. An additional meeting will take place following the Ontario Provincial Convention to discuss those resolutions adopted. We are attempting to utilize an online video conferencing tool to help facilitate the committee's work. This will mean that those involved with resolutions must be prepared to be available during July in the event that follow-up is required prior to the national convention.

Councils are encouraged to become familiar with the National Resolutions Committee Criteria for Acceptance (pages 19 and 20) in the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook*. A friendly reminder of the checklist on pages 21 and 22 that serves as a quick reference in the final review of each resolution. This must be completed and reviewed at every level where the resolution(s) is/are presented. *Leading the League* provides an excellent overview on resolutions (page 101 and 102).

Through your provincial chairperson of resolutions, I will be seeking information on proposed resolutions. As a result, a spreadsheet of topics will be shared with your provincial resolutions chairperson.

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With the new annual reporting online method, I was pleased to receive 527 responses. This input will serve as a framework for the future. I will share a synopsis of responses with you through my annual report and future communiques thereafter.

May the Spirit abide in you in the days ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Bona". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Bona