



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

DATE: April 18, 2017

FROM: Nancy Simms, National chairperson of legislation

TO: Parish council chairpersons of legislation

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

Spring is in the air! Along with the excitement of awaiting colourful blossoms and warming sunshine I'm sure your council is filled with renewed joy over the prospects of creating amazing changes in our society!

It is by standing together, through the power of our words and actions that our voices will be heard. As members we are like a large collection of branches reaching out to the world. If one branch stands alone it could easily be broken, but standing together there is strength and fortitude! And if one branch is lit on fire it will quickly burn out, but with branches entwined together the flame of warmth and light will burn forever strong with love glowing for the entire world to see!

Legislation is the binding that holds members together as unique branches across this vast country. Through resolutions members are guided towards what legislation is needed for government to act upon. It is through legislation that members become "a national sisterhood of Catholic women who promote awareness and respond to political and social issues that affect all Canadians." (CWL postcard I Can Make a Difference)

Sadly, approximately half of parish councils across Canada do not have chairpersons of legislation. I truly believe that if every council had one and if every one of them encouraged all members in their council to write just one letter to government on one issue presently being presented as a bill in the House of Commons –

WE WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

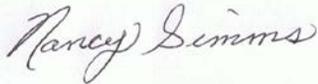
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For those of you who have bravely taken up the challenge of legislation, I thank you and encourage you to continue reaching out your branches as you ignite social justice into action. And, for those councils without a chairperson, I encourage you to promote the importance of this standing committee and become excited about how legislation can change the world!

Know my thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Love and Prayers.

Your Sister in the League,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Simms". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Nancy Simms