



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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From its inception, members of the League have used resolutions to be empowered and concerned with a plethora of issues. Resolutions have helped to gain insight into the many issues in the world. Indeed the League marvels at the insight and inspiration of members in these challenging times.

As councils prepare for diocesan conventions, and the possibility of reviewing resolutions for consideration, members can become knowledgeable by being present in the process.

As a young member in the 1980's, I marveled at the wisdom of the diocesan executive when resolutions were being debated. It was a time of overheads (no PowerPoints), no Internet and information requests through traditional mail. I recall the many speakers coming to the microphones; some in support of the resolution, some seeking clarity. For me, it was an epiphany moment – a discovery! I began to see resolutions more clearly. I was inspired by the wisdom of these women and their dedication to the process. Much has evolved since then, carving the way to new insights and discovery.

I share this story in the hopes that delegates preparing to attend diocesan/provincial conventions, feel comfortable and empowered to seek clarity and express varying opinions on resolutions in order to see more clearly. Members may feel that resolutions are a daunting task, however, working together with compassion and insight, offers inspiring opportunities for learning at every level. For indeed, if we are never involved in the resolutions process, we miss the motivating prospects for learning.

I would be most interested in receiving information on any resolutions workshops that councils worked on this past year. I hope to highlight this work as the League prepare for the future. Resolutions may seem daunting and comprehensive, however, considerable knowledge will be gained by sharing experiences, leadership opportunities and member involvement in the process.

At the time of writing, national office will be pursuing a May date for meetings with the federal government. More information will be shared once details are finalized.

I encourage council members to read the most recent resolutions communique on the national website. As we work together in our efforts, may we be nourished and sustained by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in guiding our work "For God and Canada."

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