



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MEMO

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FROM: Nancy Simms, National chairperson of legislation

TO: Parish council chairpersons of legislation

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

A new year is in full swing! With time passing comes the realization that this is my last memo as national chairperson of legislation. It has been a busy two years. Four resolutions were adopted at national level under this standing committee, with a vast amount of bills pertaining to resolutions of great concern to the League coming before parliament.

My prayer is that as I have learned and grown in this standing committee and that I have helped some members learn new things about the League, Canada and possibly themselves. Some legislation chairpersons have journeyed alongside me while others have just stepped into the position. Wherever you are in your League journey know that you are not alone. There is amazing comfort knowing that over 80,000 women walk with you. It is awe-inspiring to know that with a united voice – through letters, petitions, phone calls and personal visits to politicians – The Catholic Women's League of Canada can and does make a difference.

When members speak out on an issue their voices are heard. I have travelled with the resolutions delegation to meetings with the federal government and have witnessed the respect accorded to the League. Yet, to continue to be heard, all members' voices are needed – you, the League sister sitting beside you, as well non-attending League sisters. I beg you to find ways to reach out to ALL members to join the support, encouraging them to lift up their voices so that the League may always be social justice in action.

“Legislation affects everyone and everything we have and do.” *Executive Handbook*

With Our Lady of Good Counsel's guidance, may you be blessed in your work “For God and Canada.”

Your sister in the League,

