



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
Ottawa Diocesan Council
Resolutions and Legislations Standing Committee



Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

COMMUNIQUE #1

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TO: Parish Resolutions and Legislations Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Dyann MacDonald, Diocesan Resolutions and Legislations Chairperson

Welcome to a new year of Resolutions and Legislation and to taking action, using our new theme: *Inspired by the Spirit—Women Respond to God's Call*, as our guide.

“Come let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!” , *Psalm 95: A Song of Praise*

RESOLUTIONS:

We thank the Holy Spirit Council for their dedication and hard work in preparing and submitting their Resolution: “Full Implementation of the Supreme Courts’ Gladue Decision (1999) for Indigenous Women Offenders” at the 94th Annual Ottawa Diocesan Convention, April 29, 2017. It was adopted at this convention and has now been sent to the Ontario Provincial CWL Council. We pray this Resolution will be one of the Provincial Resolutions and National Resolutions for 2017. Well done Holy Spirit Council!

Parish councils NOW is the time to think about and to get a committee together, to bring forth new resolutions for 2018. Submission date for your title and brief is December 15, 2017. I hope a council will be inspired to work on a resolution of concern. If you need help, call me and I will be please to offer whatever help you may need.

Resolution 2010.01 Chrysotile Asbestos --April 21, 2017; the Government of Canada supports the listing of chrysotile asbestos, to the Rotterdam Convention and recognizes the adverse effects on human health and the environment

Please keep up-to-date on the resolutions from 2016, especially palliative care, home care and Indigenous concerns; much work needs to be done on these issues.

LEGISLATION:

Federal Bills: CWL Resolutions applicable to the following Bills-Status No Change

- Bill C-204 Gender Identity and Gender Expression (Short Title) 2015-12-09 - 1st reading
- Bill C223 Canadian Organ Donor Registry Act (Short Title) 2016-02-19 - defeated
- Bill C265 Secure, Adequate, Accessible & Affordable Housing Act (Short Title), 2016-05-03 – 1st reading
- Bill C268 Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act (Short Title) 2016-05-05 - last stage
- Bill C277 Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act (ShortTitle) 2017-05-31 - 2nd reading

Provincial Bills: CWL Resolutions applicable to the following Bill

- Bill 28 All Families Are Equal Act (Parentage and Related Registration Statue Law Amendment) 2016 Royal Assent 12-05-2016
- Bill 129 Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act (Freedom of Conscience Health Care) 2017, Defeated 5-18-2017
- Bill 20 Improving Mental Health and Addictions Services Act, 2016, 1st Reading 9-21-2016 No Change

Wishing you a happy and safe summer.