

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Ottawa Diocesan Council  
Resolutions/Legislation Chair**

**Centred on Faith and Justice – Led by The Spirit**

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**To: Parish Resolutions/Legislation Chairs and Parish Presidents**  
**From: Onagh Dooley, Ottawa Diocesan Council Resolutions/Legislation Chair**  
**CC: Ottawa Diocesan Council Executive**

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The deadline for Diocesan to present resolutions to Provincial Council for 2012 Annual Convention has passed. I would still encourage any council to continue to look for issues that they feel require CWL member intervention and/or our Provincial and/or Federal Government intervention. Remember Resolutions are the League's demonstration of faith in action. Ask at your meetings for a few members who read the newspapers daily to keep their eyes open for a relevant topic *centred on faith and justice*

In regards to the CWL 2010-01 Resolution, I read recently that the Quebec company exporting chrysotile asbestos is in process of filing for bankruptcy. Please continue to write the Prime Minister, Ministers for Health, Justice, Natural Resources and Foreign Affairs to stop exporting and ban the mining of Chrysotile Asbestos. We want to make sure the company does not receive a government 'helping hand'.

"Legislation is Social Justice in Action. It is the carrying out of League resolutions to influence government policy" – this was the opening of Terri Scott's (National Chairperson of Legislation) last Memo to us. And she goes on to say "I would encourage you, as presidents, or someone on your executive who has an interest in current events, to keep your membership aware of events taking place in government".

The following Bills had their 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading in December 2011 and have been referred to Committee in the House of Commons:

- . Bill C-310 An Act to Amend Criminal Code (Trafficking in persons)
- . Bill C-314 An Act Respecting awareness of screening among women with dense breast  
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**And**

- . Bill C-300 An Act Respecting Federal framework for suicide prevention – had it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading in Oct 2011 and has been referred to House of Commons.

It is important for us to keep our eyes and ears open at all times, and remember that a letter to members of parliament or a resolution from your parish council could bring a situation to the forefront.

Onagh Dooley  
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