

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council

RESOLUTIONS



DATE August 25, 2017

Communique # 1

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

TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Resolutions
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)

FROM: Con Marks, Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions

Greetings! I hope that everyone has been enjoying our summer weather and has had the opportunity to unwind, de-stress and are ready to return with eager anticipation of all things happening in the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Just a quick note of introduction for those who may not know me...I am Con Marks. I have been a member of the League since 2001 at St Anthony of Padua in West Kildonan. I am married but we do not have children unless one counts the 35 – 45 teenage boys who play football on a high school team that my husband has coached for many, many years. He managed to convince me to become the team trainer for 9 ½ of those years. It was a natural fit as I am a nurse. I am excited to represent you as Manitoba Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions.

Manitoba provincial council submitted one resolution "2017.01 Multiple Chemical Sensitivity {MCS} and Environmental Sensitivities" for consideration by the national resolutions committee. Their reply was as follows: "The committee will be recommending this resolution be forwarded to the national chairperson of education and health for study and further action and to the other ten provincial councils, encouraging them to become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory, and to act on it, as deemed necessary/prudent. The committee determined that the federal government already has a number of awareness initiatives in place..."

The following four resolutions and their action plans were adopted at the 97th Annual National Convention in Prince Edward Island:

- [2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders](#) (Community Life)

Action Plan:

1. Write to the prime minister, minister of justice and your member of parliament urging them: to become aware of the need to fully implement the Gladue Decision so that

comprehensive, individualized reports are made and used in correctional decision making for each Indigenous offender when they enter the correctional system, and for those already in the system for whom this overarching document has not been completed to ensure that judges, lawyers and legal personnel ask for and use comprehensive, individualized Gladue reports in correctional decision-making for Indigenous people.

2. Councils invite an Indigenous person who has come into contact with the correctional system to share their story with them.
 3. Monitor the federal government's response to the request of this resolution.
- [2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites](#) (Communications)

Action Plan:

1. Contact Members of Parliament, the Federal Minister of Justice, and the Prime Minister, requesting that legislation be created to ensure that adult websites verify the age of their users.
 2. Encourage members to become educated on internet safety and responsible and appropriate technology use.
 3. Make members aware of the lack of age verification controls on adult websites. Encourage them to speak to family members about the lack of age verification, and its possible effects on younger family members.
 4. Monitor the response of government officials to request for new legislation.
- [2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise Tax Act for Child Safety Products](#) (Legislation)

Action Plan:

1. Write letters to the federal government requesting the removal of the federal portion of tax from child safety products.
 2. Invite a guest speaker to educate members on the requirements for the child safety products.
 3. Hold a fundraiser for a local young mothers group to purchase safety products for those in need.
 4. Study the list of products in the Canada Safety Act and ascertain if any other products should be listed as well.
 5. Educate the public on the provincial rebate for child safety products.
 6. Continue to monitor this issue.
- [2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professional](#) (Legislation)

Action Plan:

1. Write to the Prime Minister and Attorney General with copies to your local member of parliament urging them to make it an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada for healthcare professionals to be coerced into performing or referring patients for procedures that are in opposition to their conscience.
2. Educate members and the community on the importance of healthcare professionals' right of conscience.
3. Find ways to support healthcare workers who will not perform procedures that are in opposition to their conscience.

Complete information on these resolutions may be found on the national website www.cwl.ca. I urge you to check out the website.

Following each resolution I listed the committee that it belongs to. I urge the chairpersons of these committees to implement an activity according to the action plan. I would appreciate feedback of the activity you have chosen and acted upon. I also would appreciate feedback from councils that do not have a resolution chairperson but have acted upon an activity.

I am pleased to announce that a Resolutions Workshop will be held November 25, 2017. Mark your calendars! Further information will follow.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you always in your endeavours.

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DATE November 2017

Communique # 2

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TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Resolutions
TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)

FROM: Con Marks, Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions

December is fast approaching with its myriad activities. Your annual reports should be entered online to national by December 15th in order to be included in the compiled reports sent on to your diocesan council which will eventually make its way to provincial council for our annual reports. I am looking forward to reading what councils have done under resolutions.

A successful Resolutions Workshop was held November 25th. Analyzing an existing resolution that was adopted at the 97th Annual National Convention held in Charlottetown, PEI (*2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals*) followed by a Legislation Workshop culminated in letter writing by participants regarding this very important issue.

Hopefully some parish councils will be inspired to create a resolution. Parish councils working on a resolution should feel free to contact your diocesan or provincial chairpersons of resolutions should you require help. We are only a phone call or email away.

Your best guide when creating a resolution is the "Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook" which is found on the national website cwl.ca under manuals. It is free to download. All resolutions chairpersons should have a copy of this resource.

Don't forget that the action plan of adopted resolutions ie. inviting a guest speaker for your council, a letter writing campaign, etc. continues needing to be acted upon. The chairperson of the standing committee that the resolution exists under should be the one enacting the action plan with the help of your council's chairperson of resolutions. It is important that we educate ourselves about these issues of concern. When writing a letter to government, you are letting them know that you support or not; as the case should be, certain issues that have rallied the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada to speak out. It is also valuable to write our politicians and thank them if they have addressed issues that hold our concern.

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DATE February 2018

Communique # 3

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FROM: Con Marks, Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions

“The nation doesn’t simply need what we have. It needs what we are.”
-St. Teresa Benedicta

How apt a quotation! We are members of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada. We are working towards the betterment of our fellow man. Resolutions in particular can be very far-reaching and effective. We can help effect change to any and all levels of government by formulating resolutions that indicate what our concerns are for others. And because we do so, we are in keeping with our Catholic social teachings. Resolutions are just one more way to practice our faith!

We are all now working towards our conventions as we are now well into 2018. Councils should be finessing their resolution as you will be bringing it to your parish councils and then your diocesan council. The diocesan resolution chairperson will then scrutinize the resolution and make any necessary changes in readiness for presentation to provincial council before bringing it to your diocesan convention.

At the Resolutions and Legislation Workshop held in November 2017 electronic templates were emailed to all attendees. It is important that these templates be used when working on your resolutions as they allow for easy transfer to the next level council and an even easier way to incorporate changes, corrections, etc. They contain prompts to remind you what information goes where in highlighted yellow areas and suggestions as to what should be included as indicated by greyed areas.

I suggest that resolutions adopted at parish councils be forwarded to respective diocesan councils within two (2) weeks with all supporting documentation, including e-files. I also suggest that resolutions adopted at diocesan conventions be forwarded to provincial council within one (1) week with all supporting documentation and e-files. By sending these resolutions on in a timely manner, any necessary changes may be worked on and implemented for the next level. Be sure to include the checklist which can be found in the Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook on the national website and downloaded for free.

I am pleased to announce that next year’s Resolution and Legislation Workshop will take place on **Saturday November 17, 2018**. Be sure to mark your calendars!