


**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council
Resolutions**

April 2023		Communiqué #3
<i>Catholic and Living It!</i>		
<p>TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils) Diocesan Chairpersons of Resolutions</p> <p>CC: Provincial Executive (for information)</p> <p>CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)</p> <p>FROM: Janet Brunger, Acting Provincial Chairperson for Resolutions</p>		

Following on my last Communique, a couple of weeks ago we had two or three deer visit the birdfeeders, and when they didn't find anything of substance underneath the feeders, they planted their feet and looked at us in the window, as much as to say, well?? I turned my palms upward and said, "I'm sorry! I've got nothing for you!!" So, they left in disgust, wandering off into the bush.

Judging by the feedback and comments that have come my way, there is still a great deal of confusion surrounding the new format for resolutions. The Whereas clauses have been removed from the resolutions, but at the grassroots level, we're still looking for them, to support the resolution. I do understand! However, as in all things progress, we cannot go back; we can only go forward.

I am pleased to advise that Madame President Crystal did us all proud when Provincial Council met with our Provincial Government on February 15th! She handled the meeting with quiet energy and grace, and from my own perspective she presented the CWL as the compassionate, caring organization that we are.

I would encourage you to spend the next couple of months writing letters to our elected representatives, regarding past adopted resolutions. Further, I challenge you to write one letter per week! There are so many topics on both the Manitoba Provincial Website and the National Website, so there is no shortage of topics! Let me know if you receive responses!

And, following on that topic, on both the Manitoba Provincial Website and the National Website, there are links to Archived Resolutions. These are resolutions that are considered to

have been satisfied or no longer relevant; if you feel the need to research and resurrect any one of these resolutions into a new, updated resolution, you are welcome to do so.

Finally, National Resolutions Chairperson Rolande Chernichan advises that there will soon be available new resources for developing resolutions; *Resolutions Workshop PowerPoint*, *Resolutions Workshop PowerPoint Speaker Notes* and a *Resolutions Guide*. Look for these resources soon on the National Website.

As we work in our yards, gardens and flowerbeds, I encourage you to spend some time considering your next resolution – there are countless topics just waiting for us to address. And talk to people. A year ago I considered a resolution that, when I started researching, I couldn't get at the information I was looking for, so I abandoned the whole concept. I hadn't even got to the point of striking a committee. Then, a couple of weeks ago, someone else addressed the same topic in a report, but from a different angle that I had not considered. That, right there, is the beauty of working in a group. Everyone has different ideas and different ways of approaching a problem, and together we can achieve.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be always at your side, guiding and protecting.

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February 2023



Communiqué #2

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TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
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We are beginning to see the days lengthening, and although winter is still very much with us and will be for a few weeks yet, our time is focused on the winter tasks that we want to accomplish before the busy-ness of spring arrives. For me, it's digging out corners and sorting things for donation, mending, paperwork, and such. We've been blessed with mild weather, and personally, I'm grateful for the absence of ice underfoot that permits me to take walks outside and fully appreciate God's creatures in their natural habitat.

At our virtual Resolutions Workshop in November, the attendees worked together to write a resolution, a Brief and an Action Plan. Once this was accomplished with only minor finishing touches needed, one person commented, "You make it look so easy!", to which I responded, "It IS easy – you just have to be prepared to 'get your hands dirty, so to speak'", and that's true – be prepared to immerse yourself in the research and to pull the key points out, and the resolution starts to take shape! My thanks to Madame President, Crystal Reiter, for hosting the virtual session, and thanks also to Manitoba Provincial Legislation Chairperson, Paulette Borgfjord, for her hard work in producing the Legislation portion of the Workshop. We received many positive comments on the Workshop, and it's due to the work of all of us, sharing and collaborating. Thank you to those who attended, and for your kind words after the event.

Following a three-year hiatus, I am pleased to be advised that we will have resolutions coming forward this year! They are being completed at the Parish level and will be forwarded to their respective Diocesan Councils, where they will be considered, debated, and hopefully adopted before being forwarded on to Provincial Council for further consideration and debate.

Finally, I am thrilled to announce that Madame President has secured a date for Provincial Council to meet with our Provincial Government! This meeting will take place on February 15th, and we ask for your prayers and the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel as we represent all of you at the Provincial Government table!

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September 2022



Communiqué #1

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We are well into the month of September; and wherever you look, you see signs that summer is over, and we are into the season of Autumn, although as of the date of this writing, the first day of Fall is still another week away. Our students are back in school, fall sports programs are in full swing, homeowners are busy preparing their homes and yards for the upcoming winter. Our farming communities are well into harvesting, and are keeping one eye on the sky, hoping and praying for sufficient dry weather to get the crops in. We've been fortunate, here in the south, that we've not yet had a killing frost on the fields and gardens, but that's only a matter of time. Every day we are grateful, indeed, for the blessings of an abundant harvest and the fruits of our gardens!

In the CWL, we're cautiously gearing up for in-person meetings and events. With this, I encourage our Councils to consider

- Are you happy with everything that our Federal and Provincial governments are doing for us?
- Are you satisfied with our current healthcare system?
- Do you feel our seniors are being adequately cared for?
- Does everyone in your circle of family and friends have adequate housing and sufficient food?
- Do our schools (elementary, middle, high and post-secondary) have sufficient funding to run necessary programs?
- Does everyone you know have adequate employment?

If you have answered 'no' to any of the above, then why are you waiting to write a resolution on any of the above?

- Do you personally know someone who has fallen through the cracks of the system and is struggling?
- Are you aware of a potentially hazardous or life-threatening element in our environment that should be eliminated?
- Do you know of any other issues relating to social justice that should be addressed?

If yes, then there's a resolution sitting waiting for creation. Truly, I have a hard time believing that all of our members in Manitoba are absolutely satisfied with the status quo!

If you or your Council is interested in writing a resolution, there are many resources available to you. Start with the National website – it contains a wealth of information. If you can't find what you're looking for, or if you'd like support or guidance, I encourage you to reach out to your Diocesan or Provincial Council; there are several people who would walk you through the process and guide you along every step. There's no magic; it might seem intimidating, but it's really not that difficult.

This past August, at the National Convention in Kelowna, one resolution was adopted: *2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Address Food Laws and Waste*, gifted to us by Alberta-McKenzie Provincial Council. This resolution will appear in the fall issue of the League Magazine; watch for it, or search for it on the CWL website.

I look forward to working with many of you in this capacity, as we navigate through the many of these issues.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with you each day!

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