

Speech for Convention May 2018

When I was asked to speak on how the Holy Spirit inspired the area of Education and Health I was at a loss. I knew how I was affected personally but did not see how the Holy Spirit influenced my Chair. As I sat pondering I decided to pray for his help and inspiration started to unravel.

Every time we start to pray we call on the Holy Spirit with the sign of the cross. When we say the Glory Be we call on the Holy Spirit. Every one of us prays daily and so we constantly call on the Holy Spirit to inspire us.

Over the last year we have many issues to face and act on. As sisters of the League you have been asked to participate in March for Life, sign petitions against Euthanasia, Doctor Assisted Death, an put end to Abortion and what about our provincial initiative to assist the Homeless. You were encouraged to write and talk to your local, provincial and national members in parliament. The Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Provincial Premier Kathleen Wynne and our various local politicians have exhibited deaf ears and a lack of compassion for the helpless and the unrepresented (I refer to the unborn). Hopefully our contacts expressed how with change in laws, policies, regulations, agreements and treaties would show how the politicians should carry out their responsibilities.

Other areas we needed to stay informed on are the unending fight to maintain Catholic Education in our province, technological advances in genetic management, the reduction of our carbon footprint and, an ever growing problem of Mental Health issues ...

As the largest diocese in the country we have the largest workforce to attack these issues. I don't mean that every council should take on every issue but hopefully each council will attack some of the issues and do their best to combat the enemies As sister in the League we should remember the attitudes of Pope Francis. Be Welcoming and ask the local political figures to your meetings and ask them to listening to your concerns .Walk a little in their shoes and understand change takes a long time. Personally talking to people, writing letters ,signing petitions ,marches and becoming active members of your councils will definitely help those who can help those who need us. These actions definitely have us Accompany those in need. Prayer is one of the best ways to Discern and let the Holy Spirit aid you in your journey .The last attitude is to Integrate into the lives of the less fortunate. What better way to do this is what many are already doing .This has been already expressed with the vast donations collected here already and all the hours we spend volunteering.

Remember God never gives us anything that he doesn't feel we can handle. And we have the Holy Spirit to help us. Madame Chair this ends my report.