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To: All Parish Presidents, Legislation Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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Directive #6

**Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything. George Bernard Shaw**

Thank you to all that came to our 95th Annual convention in London. It was wonderful to see such a gathering of women excited to do work for the Lord! And we do have work cut out for us!

In my presentation, I referenced a book on Canadian legislation. Although it is geared for grades 5 -7, it is a simple tool to allow us to understand how an idea progresses through a bill into a law. You can find the book at your local library or order directly from Scholastic. Use it as a presentation tool to help all your members understand the process better: The name: **"Who Runs this Country, Anyway?"** written by Joanne Stanbridge.

Last directive several bills were mentioned at the Canadian (federal) level of government for reading. On this directive, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario will be cited. For more information, please go to the website: [http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/house-proceedings/house\\_detail](http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/house-proceedings/house_detail)

#### Legend

"G" = Government Bill. "M" = Private Member's Public Bill.

"D" = Committee Bill. "Pr" = Private Bill.

**M65.** Bill 65, An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act to provide rules for the use of roundabouts. Mr. Harris. Referred March 5, 2015.

**M87.** Bill 87, An Act to amend the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 to give preference to veterans for access to beds. Ms. Forster. Referred April 16, 2015.

**M77.** Bill 77, An Act to amend the Health Insurance Act and the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 regarding efforts to change or direct sexual orientation or gender identity. Ms. DiNovo. Referred April 2, 2015.



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**M95.** Bill 95, An Act to continue the Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Advisory Council and to amend the Ombudsman Act in respect of providers of mental health and addictions services. Ms. Armstrong. Referred May 7, 2015.

**G45.** Third Reading of Bill 45, An Act to enhance public health by enacting the Healthy Menu Choices Act, 2014 and the Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2014 and by amending the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Hon. Ms. Damerla. **REPRINTED.**

**G49.** Third Reading of Bill 49, An Act with respect to immigration to Ontario and a related amendment to the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991. Hon. Mr. Chan. **REPRINTED.**

**G66** Resuming the debate adjourned on April 16, 2015 on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 66, An Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin. Hon. Mr. Murray. **PRINTED.**

**Private Members' Notice of Motion Number 48:** That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately create a provincial task force to combat human trafficking in Ontario, with such task force having a structure, complement and funding model similar to the existing Guns and Gangs Provincial Task Force.

**Private Members' Notice of Motion Number 47:** hat, in the opinion of this House, the Ontario Legislative Assembly should recognize that evidence clearly shows vaccinations keep Ontarians safe and protect children from many serious, preventable diseases which are easily spread in schools and public places, including to individuals who are unable to receive vaccinations due to medical conditions or their age, and that the Legislative Assembly should strongly encourage all parents and guardians to ensure that children who are medically able are vaccinated.

As promised, here is the information from MP Irene Matthyson's bill on removing tax from feminine hygiene products. In 2011, Mathyssen introduced the private members bill C-282 to exempt feminine hygiene products from being taxed. When the GST was introduced no one gave any thought that this was going to impact women, women who are struggling in terms of their poverty and their need. Young women absolutely need this product if they're going to go to school, go to work, and function within their communities. Since January, over 72,000 people have signed an online petition calling for an end to the levy on menstrual products, saying it's a tax that unfairly targets women. The bill has been re-introduced and sits still at 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you as you carry on our Lord's work! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!