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"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you." Luke 10:41-42 NASB

Once again, I urge you to write letters in support of our resolution **Provision of Safe, Appropriate, Geared-to-needs Housing for the Chronic, Severely Mentally Ill**. Please write to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and his Associate:

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Great changes are in the works now that our new Federal government is in full swing. We are all aware of the great strides being made in refugee efforts, but I thought I'd tell you about some of the other legislature being worked on in the House of Commons and the Senate. Remember you can get updates anytime on the government website: www.legisinfo.gc.ca. It is a wonderful resource.

Bill C-2: An Amendment to the income Tax Act: this bill is about the reduction of personal tax for middle class families. Also included is a reduction in the tax-free savings account to \$5,500.

Bill C-202: Canadian Environmental Bill of Rights: research this bill to find if Canada is following any of the suggestions given to us as Catholics by Pope Francis.

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Bill C-204: An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code: This bill addresses gender identity and gender expression.

Bill C-208: An Act to amend the Canadian Evidence Act: interpretation of numerical date. This act will unify dates around the world. In business, this procedure is already in process. This act makes it official throughout Canada. The official way to write a date: YYYY-MM-DD (2016-01-23 translates to January 23, 2016). Try to do this at your council to avoid confusion.

Bill S-202: An Act to amend the Divorce Act. This bill is about shared parenting plans where specific guidelines are made in the best interest of the child(ren). It includes but is not limited to responsibilities and authority of each spouse with respect to care, development & upbringing of a child; place of residence; allocation of time with each parent; decision making authority; dispute resolution process; *time with grandparents and other relatives*; information on health, education, and welfare. This bill was introduced to the Senate by Senator Anne C. Cools.
Bravo!

Bill S-215: An Act to amend the Criminal Code affecting sentencing for violent offences against Aboriginal women. This is following a resolution from years past from the CWL. It is very heartening to me to hear from individual councils who are following up on the resolutions passed at all levels of the League. Keep up the great work!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide you in support of issues affecting society today!

God bless,

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