



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents, Legislation Chairpersons
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"LORD: give me what you are requiring of me."

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as I take on the challenge of being your 2nd Vice-president and a new role as your Legislation Chairperson. Previously I held the chair for Education and Health and most recently the Christian Family Life chairperson. After retiring from a 28 year career in Teaching I returned home from Newfoundland and made Clinton, ON my home. My roots are in Huron County where I started in the CWL as a secretary, president elect and president for my local council which is no longer, as our church was closed. From there I took on regional secretary and then regional chairperson for Huron/Perth and have completed 5 years as the chairs mentioned above.

One of the first things I did as Legislation chairperson is to find out if there was a patron saint for my office. St. Ives, (St. Ivo of Kermartin) will be hearing a lot from me in the coming months. As far back as the 1200's he promoted impartial justice and defended the rights of the poor and abandoned. St. Ivo sought to ensure the rights of all, especially that the weakest are recognized and defended.

Here we are 101 years old and we are still trying to do the very same thing. As your new Legislation chairperson I intend to continue to know who's who and what they stand for and make them aware how their actions(i.e. Bill C-7) needs to be substantiated. It is my hope that I will find others with this focus and it is my intention to find at least one representative from each of our regions to make the government know we are watching and we MATTER. I will be asking the regional chairpersons to put out my request and gather names and contact information for me. I know it is very easy to find out who are the current persons in the Federal and Provincial parties but we need to know who will be challenging them in the next elections and whether they are supportive to the needs and cares of all their constituents.

I wish you all a happy, safe and restful summer. Hopefully this fall we will be able to meet in person to pray and go forth and do Our Lord's will.

Remember: *"Our Lord always has time for you. Please make time for him!"*

Denise Lalonde Morris

