



London Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, and Legislation Chairpersons  
CC: London Diocesan Council  
From: Helga Stuermer Legislation Committee Chairperson  
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Directive # 1

*Let us remember the love & grace of God towards us  
as we teach our children with love & grace.*

What a wonderful Convention this was, to see all our good friends again, and to make new ones. How marvelous it is to feel and see everyone waiting with anticipation of what it is to come, what to learn, and to have some fun together. All that love and dedication for our God and our CWL League filled the room. It amazes me every time. How great is that.

A bit about myself: I am a CWL member for more than forty years; Volunteering has always been in my blood. In Germany I was very involved with the Catholic youth group and lead them to retreats, camping, arranged theater plays and many meetings. Here in Canada I continued my education in Business Admin and Business Supervisory. I took many interest classes as well. We started a business in Computer Accessories with a German Company and started manufacturing here. My job was Advertising Troubleshooting and Industrial Translating. I created our Catalogue's with the pictures of the Cartridges and what Printers they fit on. I often traveled with German companies on short notice, and was always on call. I loved it very much. Naturally I had the opportunity to meet many heads of huge corporations. I was the only woman with a group of men. I had to think on my feet.

When the HI Father Pope John II came to Canada my job was to organize and make sure the pilgrims had proper housing, and in general all that was needed was looked after. Many of the pilgrims spoke German, and none, or very little English, It was interesting to speak to the priests in German and they in turn would translate into Polish.

Still I found time to belong to the CWL. I have served as Past President, President, Regional Chair for the Ingersoll Deanery and last term as Community Life Chairperson for Diocesan council. Many of those duties are overlapping with my new assignment as the **Legislation Chair**.

I know it will be challenging, but I am looking forward to be part of this. I am attaching a Legislation challenge I received. It will be fun to play it. It is a scavenger hunt.

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This Legislation Scavenger Hunt came from the Ontario Legislation Chairperson Karen McDonald, and her sub-committee, Carol Richer & Sue Lubowitz.

To find resources in your area to help with advocacy, legal help and crisis services visit to PovNet website <http://www.povnet.org/find-an-advocate//on/province-wide>.

In my next directive I will write the serious issues about Abortion rights and the 2-sided sword of Dying in or with Dignity in (assisted suicide). I have received from our government several forms to justify their stand on those issues.

Legislation is social justice in action:

- I will monitor & study Legislation on all levels of government
- I will get to know local, provincial & federal government representatives
- I will ask to be put on their mailing list to receive info.(already have)
- I will try and keep informed about resolutions and briefs presented to the government.

And much more;

This will be a new challenge, and I am looking forward toward what the future will bring.

May our Lady of Good Counsel be with me and help me along on my learning process

In the meantime, keep your eyes and ears open and email me if you have any concerns at [h.d.stuermer@sympatico.ca](mailto:h.d.stuermer@sympatico.ca)

Blessings to all.  
Yours in Christ

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