

My position as legislation chairperson is not to lay down the Law but rather to study it and then to report to our members.

If you think of it, some of the first laws were the 10 commandments. They were chiseled in stone. They were from God and they have staid the test of time. They can be summarized in two. Love God above all else with your whole body, mind and soul and love your neighbour as yourself.

Government laws are created by man. A lot of careful thought must go into them and they sometimes need revision or repealing. We have many good laws but with the current atmosphere we must not be complacent and do our best to have our voices heard.

I feel this has been a difficult time for us as Catholics in Canada. We need to pray vigilantly and be guided by the Holy Spirit. Our prime minister will not allow anyone who is pro-life in his political party. There have been further assaults by his government in passing a law where to apply for Canada Summer Jobs grants you have to attest to the fact that you are pro abortion. Service Canada agents have been given a directive telling them to use gender-neutral language — such as 'parent' instead of 'mother' or 'father' — when speaking to the public.

We tried to voice our opinion against the legalization of euthanasia, but unfortunately “Medically Assisted Aid in Dying” became legal in June of 2016. All these changes our assaults on our faith.

We cannot leave legislation up to our elected officials. They are there to represent us. If we don't tell them what our opinions are, how can they represent us.

For almost 100 years now the Catholic Women's League of Canada has been doing that through our work of resolutions, leading the way on many important issues. I urge you through the intercession of the Holy Spirit to continue for as long as you live and breathe. Thank you.