



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Parish Presidents, Resolutions and Legislation Chairpersons
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Chairpersons, Wilma Vanderzwaag and Margie Royle
From: Joan Lobsinger, Resolutions Chairperson and Helga Struermer, Legislation Chairperson
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Directive # 10

“Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled.”

Thank you to St. Michael's Council London for all your hard work in preparing the resolution, “Prohibition of E-Cigarettes with Cannabis”. Due to Covid-19, the presentation of this resolution will be postponed until the 2021 Diocesan Convention as directed by the Provincial and National Councils.

Attending the Ontario Provincial Council Resolutions Workshop February 6th to 8th in Toronto gave us the opportunity to meet with Resolutions and Legislation Chairpersons from across the Province and learn more about the new format for writing resolutions. The 2019 revised Resolutions Supplement is now available on the national website; go to Resources, 600 Series and it is 618. If your council is interested in writing a resolution in 2020 please refer to pages 4 to 14 of the Supplement for guidance.

One of the things stressed at the OPC workshop was **the importance of writing to our MP's and MPP's**. The Ontario Provincial Council is planning to meet with the Ontario government and having the MPP's already aware of CWL issues is very beneficial. In her directive, Wilma our OPC Resolutions Chair provided examples of letters for the 3 provincial resolutions adopted at the 2019 Provincial Convention. They are attached to this directive. Guidelines for letter writing is also in the Resolutions Supplement. Perhaps during this time of social isolation we can help pass the time by **writing letters** to our Member of Provincial Parliament.

Legislation Update:

Bill C-7 On February 24, 2020, the federal government introduced Bill C-7, an Act to amend the Criminal Code. (**Medical Assistance In Dying**). We urge you to **write a letter** to your MP to express your opposition to Bill C-7. A sample letter can be found at <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca//euthanasia.html>

Bill C-5 An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code – Tabled in the House of Commons February 7, 2020

Bill C-8 The federal government introduced amendments to the Criminal Code to ban conversion therapy. March 9, 2020 (Conversion therapy is the practice to change a person's sexual orientation)

Stay healthy!

Your Sisters in Christ,

Joan and Helga