



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



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Lord, I seek wisdom. Teach me your ways and guide me to do your will

We hope you sent your Member of Parliament a letter opposing Bill C-7, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). Bishop Fabbro has posted a letter to all parishioners requesting they write to express opposition to this bill. We need to pray for doctors and other healthcare givers and write letters to our MPP's to encourage them to create legislation that ensures conscience rights are protected. The bishop's letter along with more information can be found at <https://dol.ca/bill-c-7-maid>.

Canada will ban single-use plastic items by the end of next year **BUT** single-use water bottles are not on the government's list of banned items! There are 3 actions you can take to overturn this omission:

1. Write to the Minister of Environment – Simply click on the link and you can easily edit the letter. <https://cdn.jotfor.ms/owsag.info/bottled-water-in-2021-plastics-ban> Deadline for public comment is December 9, 2020.
2. Sign e-Petition #2958 on the Government of Canada website found here: <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2958>
3. Watch the free viewing of the documentary “The Story of Plastic” which offers an informative, in-depth look at the impacts of plastic on our world. It is available from **November 11 to 24th**. You must register to watch it and can participate in an on-line discussion on November 24th. There is no obligation to participate in the discussion. To register click on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-story-of-plastic-tickets-127917018245>

Wilma Vanderzwaag, our OPC Resolutions Chair reports that thus far, 179 members have written to their local MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and the Minister of Long-Term Care regarding the pressing issues around long-term care in Ontario. This number will be a benefit when OPC has an opportunity to arrange a government visit. It's not too late to write your letter, and please remember to let us know so you can be added to that total. Sample letters are available on our diocesan website, cwillondon.ca and addresses for the ministers can be found on pages 10 and 11 in Wilma's June 2020 ONLine submission on the provincial website, <https://cwl.on.ca/june-2020-line-newsletter>.

Cathy Bouchard, our National Resolutions chair has created a new Resolution Guide for members to learn what a resolution is and about the process to create and complete a resolution. Here is the link to this wonderful new resource: <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/620-Resolutions-Guide-2020.pdf>.

November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. May we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ
Helga and Joan