



Resolutions Standing Committee

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To: Diocesan Resolutions Standing Committee Chairpersons
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Three items of importance should be brought to the attention of everyone involved in resolutions.

First, all resolutions committee members need to be aware of the kind of research material that is acceptable for supporting all resolutions. The research must be based on factual data and not on opinions stated in newspapers and blogs. National Resolutions Chair Jacqueline Nogier's last directive can be found on the National website (cwl.ca). Please make sure to read it and follow her guidelines.

Secondly, when writing resolutions ensure that the focus is on one topic, only. When doing the research, one becomes overwhelmed with the scope of the topic and all that needs to be considered. Address the one, most-needed change and narrow the resolution to just that one area. Don't try to change everything at once. It may require several separate resolutions.

Thirdly, some councils in our province are busy developing resolutions that will be brought to the attention of all members when the provincial convention is held in July. It is important for all members to be aware of the topics being studied and provide support, if possible.

London Diocesan Council has two resolution topics. The first involves "**Equal Access to Permanent Residence**" which is to address the denial of immigration for those classed as labourers. These may be people who work in farming communities and in greenhouses.

Their second resolution considers the "**Unborn Victims of Crime**", whereby, an unborn baby dies as a result of the death or murder of his/her mother. The murderer is only charged with the death of the mother and not the baby.

A resolution from the **Peterborough** Diocese concerns the "**Regulation of Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs)**". Their resolution focuses on safety and, in particular, the use of ATVs by those under the age of 16.

The **Hamilton** Diocese is studying the issue of "**Industrial Wind Turbines Cause Harm to Human Health**".

Toronto Diocese has two resolutions currently being developed. One will ask to "**Include Home Care in the Canada Health Act**" and the other the "**Expansion of Eligibility to Nutrition North Canada**" to include all communities, including those only accessible by air.

All councils can help with these resolutions. If you have an interest in, or have expertise on, any of these topics, you can share your knowledge or research skills with the councils leading these resolutions.

Everyone can pray for the ladies working on these topics, that the Lord will assist and guide them in their efforts.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by email.

Your League Sister,

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