



Resolutions Directive #6

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To: Diocesan Resolutions Chairs

CC: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Executive, National Resolutions Chair

I am writing this directive as we near the final Sunday of Advent. In our preparations for the birth of our Saviour in the lowly manger, we are reminded of the needs of all the less fortunate in our society. Advent is a time for us to reach out to them in loving and kindness.

St. Augustine discovered a constant longing to be and to do something worthwhile, a need to act. He wrote in his confessions, "Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you, O Lord."

In Resolutions Directive #5, you were reminded of the deadline for sending the titles of the possible resolutions for 2017. **The following resolution topics have been submitted.** They are being researched and considered for presentation in the coming year:

- The Effects of Wind Turbines on Human Health (Hamilton Diocese)
- Inclusion of Nurses in Provincial Bill 163 (The Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act) (London Diocese)
- Improve the Lives of Incarcerated Indigenous Women in Canada (Ottawa Diocese)
- Remove the HST on Essential Children's Products (Toronto Diocese)

Congratulations to the committees for recognizing an issue needing to be addressed and for taking the initiative to make a difference.

If anyone has information or has done research on these topics to assist in this work, please contact me. I will forward any submissions to the appropriate resolutions committees.

We received great news concerning **Resolution ON.16.02/2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status**. The federal government has lifted the four-year

cumulative duration rule. When the house reconvenes in late January, more announcements may be forthcoming concerning permanent residency.

For your information.... Arrangements are being made for the **spring government visits**, to discuss resolutions from 2016 and from previous years. It is hoped we will meet with government ministers and/or opposition critics. Please pray that these officials will open their doors to us, so we can share your concerns with them.



Here is my favourite Christmas poem by Bethany Roberts

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him?
Give Him my heart.

I pray for all of you.
I wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Christmas.
May God grant you peace, love and good health!

Your League Sister,

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