



**Ontario Provincial Council of  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Resolution Standing Committee**



**Directive #1**

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**To:** Diocesan Resolution Standing Committee Chairpersons  
**From:** Colleen Martin, Ontario Provincial Council Resolutions Chairperson  
**cc:** Ontario Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, Bishop O'Brien, and National Resolutions Development Chairperson

**Sub-Committee:** not yet named

**Enclosure: 50 Plus Ways to Help People Who are Homeless** (shared with the permission of Joanna Sisk, Community Life Standing Committee Chair, OPC who circulated it with her first Directive)

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In this my first directive, I would like to introduce myself to all of you working diligently at the Diocesan level to promote The Catholic Women's League of Canada and its resolution process. You can see my bio on line on the provincial website at <http://www.cwl.on.ca/executive-profile> ;scroll down until you see my name, Colleen Martin. In a nut shell, I have been a member for nearly 25 years and have fulfilled various roles at the parish, diocesan and provincial levels including treasurer, communications, corresponding secretary, spiritual development, organization, president and historian, and Christian family life.

Honoured to take on this new role, my goal will be to hopefully provide tools and resources that may assist you in inviting more members to consider influencing government policy on issues important to your community and/or parish.

In my journey with the League, I have worked on resolutions within my own parish which were then presented and accepted at the Diocesan and Provincial levels. Even if the resolution had not been successful at all these levels, the process educated our council's membership and others who heard about the resolutions on very important and timely subjects.

As we journey together, I am hoping you will consider joining me in occasional teleconferences so that we can support each other through sharing successes, challenges and solutions. To join the teleconference, you dial into a toll free number and enter a number known only to participants. Once I join the teleconference as chair, all attendees will be joined on one teleconference line so they are able to speak directly. I will act as a Chair for our meetings and call on you individually to verify you are on line prior to proceeding with our agenda. I will try to keep the calls to an hour. If you have a phone with a speaker and mute button, it works best; however, any phone will work. I hope to have our first teleconference mid-September and will use Tuesdays as that seemed to work in the past.

**Action:** Please confirm by email if you are available for an initial call on September 26 2017 at 7 pm. If you are not available, please advise if there is a better evening/time of day for your participation.

## **THEME**

The national theme is *Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call*. Our Provincial President has added to this the topic of Homelessness. I am sure there are resolutions calling out from this topic in your communities.

My next directive will be sent after our teleconference in September. I will include a poster to promote resolutions in your parish and some ideas on how to gather like minded women for a discussion(s) on homelessness: to define your community, identify available resources, meet with organizations providing services and decide if there is an issue(s) you feel requires more exploration.

Through this discussion, you may decide there is another more pressing issue requiring attention and that would be okay too.

The next directive will also include some information in each of the areas of the Resolutions Standing Committee (listed below).

## **RESEARCH and PREPARATION of RESOLUTIONS and BRIEFS**

## **STUDY and IMPLEMENTATION of RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED by OTHER LEVELS**

## **PRESENTATION of RESOLUTIONS to GOVERNMENT**

## **EXPLORE CORNER**



In the meantime, you can explore resources in the Executive Handbook on the National website here....

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Executive-Handbook-May-2014.pdf>

or the Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook here ..

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Resolutions-Supplement-to-Executive-Handbook-2012.pdf>

or on Homelessness here:

<http://www.raisingtheroof.org/for-media/facts-figures/>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/we-can-end-homelessness-in-canada/article33632029/>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/what-homelessness-looks-like-for-women-in-canada/article34482334/>

<http://homelesshub.ca>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/communities/homelessness.html>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ending-homelessness-ontario>

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