



**Ontario Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Legislation Committee Chair**



Care for our Common Home

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What is it that stands higher than words? Action. What is it that stands higher than action? Silence

St Francis of Assisi

Greetings Sisters in the League,

As the warmth of the summer sun moves way to the cool, crisp autumn days, imbedded in us is the call to return to routine. New lists, new schedules, new hopes and new dreams greet us every September. Refreshed and motivated by all we encountered during the summer months, we embrace this newness and begin afresh our service to the League

The summer brought new and exciting challenges for me. I attended the provincial and national conventions, both of which were absolutely, wonderful experiences! I am humbled and honoured to be elected to the Ontario Provincial Council and I thank you for your faith in me. I look forward to serving as your standing committee legislation chair for the next two years.

I have been a League member since 1980. It feels more, however, like I've been a member my entire life, as throughout my childhood and beyond, I was witness to my mother's service to the League at all levels and to the joys, challenges, faith and sisterhood it brought to her. She was an inspiration!

I became more actively involved with the League when I retired from a career in education in 2007. I served a term as legislation chair at the diocesan level and most recently, completed a very fulfilling two-year term as a committee member for national's resolutions review committee. I must admit, I still feel pretty green but am excited and eager to learn and grow together in the months to come.

For those of you new to this position, I say thank you and welcome! This committee is often a difficult one to fill, as noted with vacant spots at both parish and diocesan levels. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to the members whose leadership qualities and skills will take wings with this challenge.

What is Legislation?

Legislation is simply social justice in action; the carrying out of our resolutions to influence League policy.

What is our role as committee chair?

Our main role is to

- monitor and study legislation at all levels of government and
- to review ongoing and proposed legislation that pertain to League resolutions.

Our role begins with the adoption of the resolutions. What better way to bring life and honour to our resolutions than to implement the action plans suggested with each one? Three resolutions passed at the provincial convention (attached) and two at national (watch for the fall issue of The Canadian League).

The Executive Handbook is an excellent source for an in-depth outline of our responsibilities. Among their suggestions, and I strongly agree, is that you access Hansard, a printed record of the proceedings of government, which may be viewed on the parliamentary Web site or obtained from the library.

President Colleen Perry has chosen the topic ***loneliness*** as the focus for the next two years. I enthusiastically embrace this theme as it is so relevant to today's busy world. Each standing committee has been challenged to create a project related to this focus. Stay tuned!

Please feel free to email with questions or concerns at any time. Remember, together, we are stronger.

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