



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

Care for our Common Home

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To: Diocesan Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Karen McDonald, Provincial Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson
cc: Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, Legislation Sub-Committee Chairpersons and National Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson



National Theme and Logo

We are into another busy year with a timely theme, "**Care for our Common Home**". There is a power-point presentation and other information concerning the theme that I encourage all members to view on the national website home page (www.cwl.ca).

Bill C-57 - An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act (sponsored by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change) received Royal Assent on February 28, 2019

In the parish mail out from national office on March 25, 2019, National Legislation Chairperson Betty Colaneri brought Bill C-57 to our attention noting that we can read (or download) the draft *2019 to 2022 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy* at canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/sustainability/federal-sustainable-development-strategy.html, as well as the *2018 Progress Report*.

I googled the website. It says, "The **Federal Sustainable Development Strategy** is the government's plan and vision for a more sustainable Canada. It outlines goals and actions to promote clean growth, ensure healthy ecosystems and build safe, secure and sustainable communities."

In Betty's communiqué of March 28, 2019, she notes the website offers information, goals and suggestions on how members can do their part to help the environment ... **AND the government is asking for submission of comments by April 2, 2019**.

The timing is tight but we ask all members to share your comments if you are able!

Betty also offers these suggestions on how all members can act:

- read the draft *2019 to 2022 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy*
- read Bill C-57, monitor the law and pending regulations about the environment
- get in touch with your local political representative and discuss what can be done to work together for a sustainable world

Reference Guide

Betty Colaneri also advised the legislation committee is working on a reference guide of nationally adopted resolutions instrumental in the implementation of federal bills that became law. Members have requested information be made available for use in presentations and discussions. The reference guide may become a beneficial tool in recruiting members interested in making a difference. The legislation committee welcomes input from members. If there is a resolution that should be on the list, kindly send the information to Betty (I will forward any information sent to me).

Our provincial focus on ***water conservation and preservation*** kicked off with World Water Day (March 22). Are you and your family, council, parishioners, participating? Start small ... choose one simple way of reducing water consumption ... mention it to your family, grandchildren, friends, co-workers and neighbours. Future generations (including our members) are looking to us - let's go with the *flow!*

Speaking of water ... it reminded me of a hymn that we will sing at the Easter Vigil:

***With joy you shall draw water from the springs of endless life;
With joy you shall draw water from the living well of God.***

***God indeed is my Savior,
I will never be afraid,
my strength and courage is the Lord,
my Savior and my song.***

***Give thanks and praise the name of God,
sing out to all the earth
the wondrous deeds that God has done,
our Savior and our song.***

(Music for Sprinkling Rite - Marty Haugen, CBW III)

I wish all legislation chairpersons and our members a blessed and Holy Easter!

Karen