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To: Diocesan Resolutions Chairpersons

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cc: Diocesan Presidents, Ontario Provincial Council Executive, National Resolutions Committee Chairperson

Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things.

St. Mary MacKillop

The National Resolution Chair, Cathy Bouchard has created a new Resolution Guide for members to learn what a resolution is and about the process to creating/completing a resolution. Here is the link to this wonderful new resource <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/620-Resolutions-Guide-2020.pdf>.

At the time of the Ontario Provincial Council virtual meeting on October 21, 2020, 179 members had taken the time to write to their local MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and the Minister of Long-Term Care regarding the pressing issues around long-term care in Ontario. Please continue to encourage members that have not already done so to write and keep track of the numbers and send them to me. The total numbers will be a benefit when we have an opportunity to arrange a government visit. Addresses for the ministers are listed in my June 2020 ONLine submission on the provincial website and was an attachment in Directive #4.

Due to the pandemic there was no government visit this fall. Our Provincial President, Colleen Perry created a letter that was sent on Oct. 13, 2020, to the Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Christine Elliott and Long-Term Care Minister Merilee Fullerton regarding our 2019 resolutions. Included with the letter were copies of the resolutions, including briefs and action plans.

Hats off to St. Mary Parish Council in Toronto. They are the originating parish council of resolution 2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Members of St. Mary's Parish Council forwarded a notification from Pax Christi International advising that the nuclear ban treaty had the 50 ratifications needed to make nuclear weapons illegal. The treaty reinforces legal, diplomatic, and financial pressure in addition to public advocacy for the total eradication of nuclear weapons. The treaty enters into force in three months. Pax Christi International will continue to advocate for further signatures, ratifications and full implementation of this treaty. Their work will continue with church leaders, governments and at the United Nations. As the Catholic peace movement, we look especially to the Vatican for leadership, encouraged by Pope Francis' words: "The common destiny of humankind demands a world without nuclear weapons".

At our virtual Ontario Provincial Council meeting, a question regarding what year would be applied to resolutions was asked. Here is the answer I received from Cathy Bouchard, National Resolutions Chair:

“Resolutions passed at your 2021 Provincial Convention and at the National 2021 Convention will all be titled as 2021.

National and Provincial councils will have no resolutions passed as 2020.

If no Diocesan Council held conventions in 2020 (and passed no resolutions as 2020), then the Diocesan level would have no resolutions with a designation of 2020.

If a parish council passed a resolution at their level in 2020 that would be directed to another level of the League, the rest of the process continues in 2021. This is because no Diocesan Councils held their annual convention in 2020.”

Another question I put to Cathy was in regards to changes or updates to resolution topics started in 2020 to be submitted in 2021 and this was the response.

Was this resolution passed at their Parish Council Level? If so, the parish council can amend the motion (resolution) within their council.

The motion to *Rescind* (or repeal or annul) is used to cancel a motion altogether.

The motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted* is used to make a change to a motion either by making a simple change or two or by substituting something else in its place.

If a motion has not passed at the Diocesan level it is still the property of the Parish Council. The Parish Council can amend their motion, which is the resolution.

Members vote on the actual Resolution clause itself, not the brief or action plan.

If the council wants to update the resolution itself to include a mention of covid, as an example, then their original motion needs to be Amended.

If the council is updating the brief, no motion is necessary. The council can update their brief and submit it to the diocesan council annual convention in 2021.

Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted

USAGE: This motion is used when the desired action is to cancel or amend an order or a motion adopted previously.

FORM: “I move to rescind the motion which authorized the purchase of a typewriter for the secretary”;
or, “I move to amend Standing Rule #3, by changing the time of the meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.” RULES:

- may be proposed only when no other motion is pending
- must be seconded
- may be debated
- may be amended
- needs either a two-thirds vote without previous notice,
- or, a majority vote with previous notice,
- or, a majority of the entire membership.

The Ontario Provincial Council received 3 tentative resolution topics for 2020. If the parish councils move forward with these resolutions and gift them to their diocesan council, they will be designated 2021.

A gentle reminder that the deadline to submit topics for resolutions is **December 15, 2020**. Please forward the resolution topics to me by this deadline so that we can accommodate having two years of resolutions at the next provincial convention.

Blessings and hugs,

Wilma