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**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada**

**Resolutions Standing Committee**

***Care for our Common Home***

Directive #9 Pages: 1 September 21, 2021

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To: Diocesan Resolutions Chairpersons

From: Wilma Vanderzwaag, Ontario Provincial Council Resolutions Chair

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

*Be doers of the word and not hearers only……*James 1:22

And we are off! September is almost over, and all councils have begun to plan and organize. Questions arise when councils begin to work on a resolution or prepare it for moving to the next level. Parish councils should contact their Diocesan Council Resolution Chair as their first resource of information. There are many resources on both the provincial and national websites to assist as well. They are listed below for your information. Please print out a copy of the newly updated Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook for yourselves and encourage parish councils to have one on hand as well. This is a very useful resource. There is also an attachment that lists the dates to remember regarding resolutions that are being worked on to be gifted to the Ontario Provincial Council. As we have been unable to meet in person for the past two years at the Annual Ontario Provincial Convention/AMM, there will be several resolutions brought forward at our next annual convention. Diocesan Resolutions Chairs please help parish councils prepare their resolution following the guidelines. All resolutions will be sent to the Provincial Resolutions Review Committee after approval of the resolution at the Diocesan Convention/AMM, to review the resolution and brief to make sure the resolution is ready for presentation at the Ontario Provincial Convention/AMM. Assisting to make sure it is a concise and well written resolution will help to enable it to move through the various levels for adoption. Here are resources to help all involved with resolutions:

**On the National website-cwl.ca**

The *Resolutions Supplement* can be found online under Resources <https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/618-Resolutions-Supplement-to-Executive-Handbook-2020.pdf>.

Resolution Guide--https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/620-Resolutions-Guide-2020.pdf

Note--Another very worthwhile workshop to view as many councils integrate Legislation with Resolutions is the new Legislation Workshop created by Betty Colaneri before completing her term as National Legislation Chair. Look under Resources- 800 Series- Legislation Workshop 2021.

**On the Provincial website-cwl.on.ca**

Go to Forms and Other Assets-then under Workshops is listed the Resolutions Workshop that was presented in Feb 2020.

Ontario Tips-Resolutions is located under Other Assets

Blessings,

Wilma

*Attachment:*

Dates to Remember for Resolutions

December 15 Forward via email topics for resolutions to the Ontario Provincial Resolutions Chair

January 31 Draft Resolved Clause and works cited sent via email to Ontario Provincial Resolutions Chair

March 1 Feedback to Diocesan Resolution Chairs (for distribution to parishes working on resolutions)

March 15 Final resolution for presentation to parish council and accepted for presentation to the Diocesan Convention

Prior to the The Diocesan Resolutions Chair prepares and prints a letter stating that

Diocesan the resolution was approved at the Diocesan Convention

Convention

# Immediately Following the approval of the resolution at the convention, the letter

# Following must be signed by the Diocesan President and Recording Secretary.

# Diocesan This letter accompanies the resolution. Forward the resolution(s)

# Convention as passed (3 copies of each resolution and materials) Follow the

**Checklist for each resolution.** If the Provincial President, President-elect or First/Second Vice President are in attendance at your convention, please give them your copies to bring to the Resolutions Committee for review. Also email Ontario Provincial Resolutions Chair.

May/June Provincial Resolutions Review Committee meets to review all submitted resolutions.

July Resolutions are brought forward to be adopted and if required

gifted to National for adoption.

August The Ontario Provincial Resolutions Chair prepares resolution packages for meeting with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops in Toronto.

September The Ontario Resolutions Chair sends out directive to Diocesan counterparts with adopted resolutions and action plans.



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