Oral Report-75th Annual Ontario Provincial Convention 2022

Here we are-in person—finally. I find it strange that since the writing of resolutions changed, by no longer having whereas clauses, we have not been able to have any resolutions brought forward. Was this extra time some help for members to understand the new process? I believe so. I was so heartened to have heard from dioceses that have not created a resolution in quite some time begin the process. Many members became aware of issues because of the coronavirus pandemic and began a resolution to speak for those that are marginalized or feel they have no voice. Some were ready to be forwarded as you can see by the 2 resolutions being presented and some are still in the works. One was no longer required as the provincial government had implemented the request of the resolution. The goal was achieved before the process was completed but that should not deter more resolutions, it shows we are in tune with what is needed. I know resolutions can be a real challenge for our members and this standing chair was a real learning curve for me, but I hope that members do not let the challenge stop them. Resolutions are so needed and show our commitment to serve God and Canada. On a lighter note, here is my commercial message for resolutions:

Resolutions (sung loosely to the tune Revolution by the Beatles)

You say you got a resolution
Well you know
We all want to change to world
I'll tell you it's an evolution
Well you know
We'd all love to save the world
And when you talk about construction
Don't you know that you can count me in

Don't you know its gonna be all right

You say you have a real solution
Well you know, it needs an action plan
Join fellow members to give their contribution
Well you know, we will all do what we can
And if you want to see it go to our government of the date
All I can tell you is don't submit it late!

Don't you know its gonna be all right

You say you'll change the legislation,
Well you know
We all want to lead with faith
I'll tell you it takes dedication
Well you know
To research it really well
And when you present your resolution for adoption at any level
You can be proud of what you accomplished-WOW

Don't you know its gonna be all right, all right.