

1 **Resolved,** That the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women’s League of
2 Canada urge the Ontario Provincial Government to prioritize and increase funding
3 to improve long-term care homes by:

- 4 ● regulating and upgrading training for personal support workers (PSW);
- 5 ● increasing staff to resident ratios;
- 6 ● updating infrastructure and increasing the frequency of scheduled and
7 unscheduled provincial inspections for long-term care homes in Ontario in
8 order to maintain the dignity of residents and provide quality and
9 compassionate care.

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Brief:

The extreme poor quality of care, given with the lack of compassion and dignity to all residents of long-term care homes in Ontario, is of great concern. The Executive Summary of the long-term care Covid-19 Commission Report in 2020 identified many factors that are the root causes of the deplorable conditions currently in Ontario long-term care homes. This report noted, “that it is clear that problems such as insufficient staff, lack of proper training, and the aging home infrastructure” (Marracco 3), as well as poor supervision by management and of provincial inspectors, are major problems that need to be dealt with immediately. (Marracco 8)

The scathing critique of Ontario’s long-term care homes by Canadian Armed Forces Medical professionals highlighted a) lack of infection protocols being understood, and b) poor basic standards of care, as major factors, contributing to the deaths of thousands of elderly residents who died in undignified conditions during the first wave of the Covid 19 pandemic. (Mialkowski, 2020)

The recent submission, Nursing Home Basic Care Guarantee of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) “calls for a new era of LTC by guaranteeing the basic care needed, shoring up staffing levels for regulated and personal support staff, and adjusting the staff mix, so residents in nursing homes can count on consistent, safe and quality care”. (RNAO 2020) Residents in long-term care homes in Ontario deserve quality and compassionate care with dignity by adequate, well-trained professionals capable of addressing their specific needs. This is the moral responsibility of society and government.

The Ontario government is urged to guarantee in legislation, the recommendations of the Long-Term Care Covid-19 Commission’s Report; the Canadian Armed Forces Augmented Civilian Care Report on long-term care facilities in Ontario and the Registered Nurses of Ontario “Nursing Home Basic Care Guarantee” to protect the most vulnerable sector in our society.

Every resident must be treated with respect. As Pope Francis stated in his General Audience on the family March 4, 2015, “Where there is no honour for the elderly, there is no future for the young”. (Pope Francis, 2015) The Ontario Provincial Government needs to provide quality and compassionate care with dignity for all long-term care residents in Ontario.

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1 **Action Plan**

- 2 1. Educate members by inviting a speaker to general meetings to update
3 members on the issues related to upgrading long-term care homes in Ontario.
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- 5 2. Write letters to the appropriate provincial government ministers expressing
6 concern related to the root causes of the deplorable conditions currently in
7 Ontario long-term care homes.
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- 9 3. Monitor the implementation of new and revised Ontario government
10 legislation pertaining to long-term care homes.

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