



Ontario Provincial Council Resolutions Standing Committee

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To: Diocesan Resolutions Standing Chairpersons
Cc: Diocesan Presidents, Ontario Provincial Council Executive, National Chairperson of Resolutions
From: Mary Capobianco, Ontario Provincial Council, Resolutions Chairperson

Dear Sisters in the League,

As the summer days wind down and we enter into September, CWL councils begin to turn their focus back to CWL activities. The diocesan, provincial and national conventions are now behind us and we look forward to starting anew.

At the national convention held in Kelowna, B.C. August 14th - 17th, 2022, one resolution was presented and adopted. *Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste*. The full resolution, brief and action plan can be found listed on the national website under To Act On.

Important Dates and Timelines:

I understand that some parish councils have already begun work on new resolutions. I encourage everyone to refer to the resources I listed in my last directive. These can also be found on the Ontario website at cwl.on.ca.

I have attached a list of important dates and timelines for the resolution process. These timelines are very important. I also ask that you contact your own diocesan resolution chair to verify your diocesan deadline to submit a new resolution.

2022 – 2024 Project - FAITH into ACTION – Making A Difference:

The development and adoption of a resolution is only the first step of the intended advocacy stated in the resolved clauses. The most important component of the resolutions process is following through on the **ACTION PLAN**. That is where the League makes the most impact. Through **ACTION PLANS**, members are encouraged to become more knowledgeable about the issue, write letters to government and advocate for changes within their own parishes, communities and beyond.

How appropriate then, when Linda Squarzolo, our Provincial President, asked us to develop a project to highlight her theme **Go Make a Difference**. What better way to make a difference, than to use our resolutions action plans as our guide?

To this end, I would like to introduce the **Faith into Action – Making a Difference** project. **Faith into Action** is certainly not a new title but I think very appropriate as it applies to resolution action plans.

I ask each diocesan resolution's chair to please encourage their parish councils to take part in this project. I've listed some basic steps to follow, as well as a simple form to report their progress.

1. Choose a resolution listed on the national or provincial websites. These are resolutions that have been adopted at the national or provincial levels.

For copies of past resolutions:

❖ www.cwl.ca

click on tab **To Act On**

scroll down to **Resolutions**

select **Resolutions By Year**

choose a resolution that would be of interest for your council to work on

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2. Review the **ACTION PLANS** – share with your council to select one for your project.

3. Once a resolution action plan has been selected, brainstorm with your council/committee to decide your next steps.

4. Once activities have been completed – fill in the Action Project Form(attached)

5. Submit the completed form to the OPC Resolutions chairperson:

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6. Some resolution topics may deal with same or similar topics. Feel free to combine your activities to include more than one resolution &/or action plan.

7. Projects can be ongoing over the next two years. Feel free to work on as many **Action Plans** as you like.

8. Please see attached for **ACTION PLAN REPORT FORM.**

There are so many resolutions and action plans to choose from and so much we can do as members. Together we are stronger and what better way to put our **Faith into Action** and demonstrate how we **Can Make a Difference!**

I look forward to reading all your amazing activities. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. I'm more than happy to help you in any way I can.

Peace and Blessings,

Mary Capobianco
Resolutions Chairperson
Ontario Provincial Council.