



## **ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL** of **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

***The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.***

(Mission Statement)

The Ontario Provincial Council is part of The Catholic Women's League of Canada a national organization whose mission calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service to our local, national, and international communities. The League is also affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO).

The League seeks to fulfil three pillars: faith, service, and social justice. Through the third pillar, we learn about issues within society and then inform our members as to what might be done to effect change; we organize, we mobilize. Through our resolutions, we educate our members and speak directly with government at all levels to voice our concerns and make suggestions for change.

Current issues of interest to the League include safe drinking water for Indigenous communities, equitable justice for Indigenous offenders, human trafficking, long-term care conditions, mental health, homelessness and poverty, human dignity including provision of palliative care, and the environment.

Our members are serious, informed and committed women who monitor government legislation, as well as Church and societal issues.

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### **RESOLUTION PROCESS**

Resolutions play a major part in the League's work. Through resolutions, League policy and position papers may be established, programs planned, and/or concerns and views expressed to government.

The resolution process begins when a member becomes aware of a topic, an issue, a perceived social injustice. A committee is then formed to research the issue, including checking current legislation and policy, seeking expertise, and talking to those affected. Once this research is complete, the group can decide on the “ask” for the resolution and what levels of government to direct it to. A brief is written to provide background and statistical support for the “ask.” An action plan is also attached to assist members to become informed and to act on the resolution.

The resolution usually begins its journey at a local parish council, then continues through the levels of the League to the top level to which it will be directed (diocesan, provincial, and/or national). The chairperson at each level also has a committee who thoroughly review each resolution, verify works-cited, and validate other information before it is presented at an annual general meeting for debate and vote.

Resolutions are taken very seriously and given much consideration before it gets to presentation to government.

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### **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT RECENT ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS**

**ON.23.01** To Establish a Sustained Universal Catheter Coverage

**ON.22.02** National Strategy for Loneliness

**ON.22.01** Long Term Care Homes

**ON.19.03** Long Term Beds

**ON.18.03** To fully implement alternative sentencing to incarceration of Indigenous Offenders

**ON.18.02** Immediate implementation of Income Security A Roadmap for Change for Ontarians with a Disability

**ON.16.04** Training for Safe Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles

**ON.14.02** Feathers of Hope – Empowering First Nations Youth

**ON.03.04** Widening of Highway 69