

**Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Resolutions Annual Report
January 1 – December 31, 2016**

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

In reading over the reports from the diocesan chairpersons from the Diocese of Antigonish and the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, the resolutions committee was busy with new resolutions and creating a positive outlook for the League in the Province of Nova Scotia. With only 19 out of 73 councils reported, their activity with the creation of new resolutions as well as bringing awareness to past and current resolutions was felt in many councils, often without a chair. To assist members in formulating and constructing resolutions, a new pamphlet entitled, "The Four Seasons of a Resolution" has been created and is available on the Provincial website. [a copy of this resolutions pamphlet has been placed in your convention bags this weekend]

Two resolutions from the Antigonish Diocesan Council were presented and passed at the Provincial Convention in Sydney in June, 2016. Resolution 2016.01: To Improve Access to Oral Health-Care for Nova Scotia Seniors was presented and discussed at the annual meeting with the Hon. Leo Glavine, NS Minister of Health and Wellness in December. In regards to Resolutions 2016.02: To Improve Access to Oral Health-Care for the Vulnerable People in Canada was directed towards the National Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada to urge the federal government to action. Unfortunately, this resolution was not approved by the National Resolutions Committee in August to go forward at the National Convention in Halifax, due to lack of essential information and overlapping mandate of provincial jurisdictions. Because of this action, it was decided at the Fall meeting to establish a committee to monitor and possibly revamp the resolutions.

In perusing the reports from the diocesan chairpersons, I observe discussions at the parish level of resolutions passed at both the provincial and national levels in the past few years and this is indicative of members' interest in the resolutions process. It should be noted that a remark given by a parish chair indicates her surprise of the importance of resolutions at the National (as observed in the Resolutions Dialogue and the National Convention) and this importance is not perceived at the parish level. Lack of knowledge in the resolution process is a factor and it needs to be communicated strongly to parish chairs that assistance in formulating resolutions is available from diocesan and provincial chairs. The starting point and most important part of the process is the idea and once that is ascertained, assistance is available each step of the way to navigate the manuals and procedures of the process. The reports indicate that there is an abundance of discussion on many topics – palliative care, euthanasia, oral health, mental health, to name a few.

In closing, appreciation and gratitude is extended to the two diocesan chairs, Ann Baldock of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and Kathleen Campbell of the Diocese of Antigonish for their commitment to this committee. As well the parish chairs should be commended and applauded for their work as being on the frontlines of the resolutions process, without their ideas and discussions at the grassroots, there would be no resolutions to bring forth on changes in our society. It is my wish that Our Lady of Good Counsel guides your endeavours at each step in your individual resolutions.

This concludes my report,

Ann Myers
Nova Scotia Resolutions Chair