



Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Legislation Communique # 1
One Heart, One Voice, One Mission
(Together We Serve)

To: Diocesan Counterparts (*For distribution to all parish councils*)
From: Toosje Van de Sande, Nova Scotia Provincial Legislation Chairperson
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Copied: Provincial President, Peggy MacNeil and Executive (for information)
National Chairperson, Nancy Simms (for information)

What is Legislation? As defined in the CWL Executive Handbook: legislation is social justice in action. It is the carrying out of League resolutions to influence government policy.

At the Provincial Convention, in June, I accepted the position of Chairperson for Legislation. This is a brand new position for me but with your help and prayers I am confident that we will meet the challenges and opportunities of the legislation issues, before us.

As a way of introduction: I live in Antigonish with my husband, of 51 years, Casey. Both of us were born in the Netherlands and came with our parents to Canada, in the 1950's. We are retired dairy farmers who have taken up market gardening, in our retirement. We have been blessed with four children and five grandchildren, all living within a mile of our home. I have been active in my Church: Reader (25 years); RCIA Catechist (20 years) and have served on St. Ninian's Pastoral Council. I was involved, with youth, as a leader in the 4-H program for 20 years; and have judged homemaking classes at exhibitions throughout Nova Scotia, for more than fifty years. I am still working on the final chapter of the book I'm writing on Dutch Immigration to Eastern Nova Scotia, Post World War 11.

I have been a CWL member for 51 years and have had the honor of serving on the parish, diocesan and provincial levels of the League. As I took on new positions, I grew in my faith and my knowledge and love of the League. I was presented with my Life Membership, at the National Convention, in August. I look forward to serving you as provincial legislation chairperson for the next two years. Together we will keep informed and make a difference by influencing policies at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

National Convention Resolutions:

Two resolutions were passed at the 2016 National Convention that fall under Legislation.

Resolution 2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service.

Resolution 2016.05 Amend the Canada Health Act to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service.

Please tap into the national website: www.cwl.ca for Communique # 1, from Nancy Simms, National Chairperson of Legislation, for further particulars/ideas on actions we can take on these resolutions.

Provincial/Diocesan Workshop:

This workshop, to be held October 28-29, in Mabou, will give us an opportunity to set goals for the coming year, for our Legislation Committees.

We Need You and Your Ideas. Come and Share.