



**Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Legislation Communique #1
*Inspired by the Spirit,
Women Respond to God's Call***

To: Diocesan Counterparts Antigonish Diocese , Wanda Bruckschwaiger and Halifax/Yarmouth Diocese, Patty Dorrian(**For distribution to all parish councils**)

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Happy Fall to all my Sisters in the League!

At the Provincial Convention in June, I was very excited to accept the position of Legislation Chairperson. I look forward to learning more about Legislation. With your help and prayers we can take action towards social justice for all!

As we start this journey, I would like to introduce myself. I live in St. Andrews, which is 12 minutes outside Antigonish, with my husband of 33 years, Jerry. We have 4 grown daughters (ages 24 - 30), all of whom are CWL members. I am a retired nurse and am very active in our church: serving as part-time Sacristan, lector, hospitality minister and served on our pastoral council. I became a member of the CWL in 1995 and have served on my Parish, Diocesan and now my second term on the Provincial level of the League. Over the next two years let us work together to monitor and study legislation at all levels of government.

2018 National Convention

There was one resolution passed at National Convention which fell under Legislation:

Resolution 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying. Members are encouraged to write to the prime minister, ministers of justice and health and their members of parliament urging the federal government to legislate designation or hospice/palliative care free from medical assistance in dying. Educate members on keeping hospice and palliative care free from medical assistance in dying. Where hospices are performing medical assistance in dying, withdraw all funding. Write to the board of directors stating the reason for the withdrawal of donations. Monitor the federal government's response to the request contained in the resolution.

Parliament

Parliament resumed sitting on September 17th, 2018. You can find the complete calendar for the House of Commons at:

www.parl.gc.ca/housechamberbusiness/chambercalendar

Legislation

Review ongoing and proposed legislation that pertain to League resolutions.

“Legislation At A Glance” can be found at: www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISInfo. It provides an overview of bills under consideration in either the Senate or House of Commons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. May we continue to be Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us as we work “For God and Canada.”

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.” Mother Teresa