

**Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Resolutions Annual Report
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Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

In 2017, resolutions committees chaired by the diocesan chairpersons in both Diocese of Antigonish and the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth were very active either in preparing and constructing a resolution or discussing many pertinent issues in our society. Even parish councils without chairs still studied and research issues of concerns in their community. A total of 33 reports were received from parish councils with only 17 of these having a resolutions chairperson in position.

One council in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth produced Resolution 2017.02 **Banning the Marketing of Foods and Beverages to Children** which was directed at the federal government. Unfortunately, it was decided by the National Resolutions Committee not to present it at the National Convention in Charlottetown since the issue is already being addressed by the government. However, it was noted by the Committee that if there is insufficient action by the federal government, the resolution will be reconsidered. The parish council who brought this issue into a formal resolution must be commended for their many hours of research and study.

In the Antigonish Diocese, a Resolutions workshop was presented at their Fall Conference to aid members in the parish councils to understand the resolutions process and how to construct a resolution. It was very well received by those in attendance. Workshops is just one of the means to provide education on resolutions, since there is a wealth of information in the Resolutions supplement, League magazine, S'mores, to name a few. If information is required by council chairs no matter how basic, do not hesitate to contact your diocesan and provincial chairs.

Sixty-two percent of the councils' report that they have studied 2017 resolutions passed at the National Convention as well as discussed issues such as palliative care, medication and food labelling, pornography, cannabis and youth mental health. Resulting from these discussion, the following actions were performed: presented an online petition for dental care on Citizen.go, signed an online petition to include home care as an insured service, guest speakers, and letter writing to provincial and federal governments. During their discussion of various topics, they did not consider preparing a resolution since there were already resolutions presented. In the chairs response to the Dialogue Session at National, it was felt that it very useful process and some also felt that it would be helpful if those members who constructed the resolutions were more visible during each stage of the process.

As I end this report, appreciation and gratitude are extended to the two diocesan chairs, Ann Baldock of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and Doreen Boudreau of the Diocese of Antigonish for their commitment to this committee. Their commitment and liaison with the parish chairs is crucial and they should be applauded for their work as being on the frontlines of the resolutions process. On a personal note as I conclude two years on this committee, I wish to thank Peggy MacNeil and Joan Bona for their assistance. May Our Lady of Good Counsel be your guide in each task accomplished in the Resolutions Committee to bring forth justice and fairness in our society.

This concludes my report,
Ann Myers
Nova Scotia Resolutions Chair