



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
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"Called To Serve"



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Spread the Word: Voice

Madame Chair,

As members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, we have the awesome power to create positive change in our community, province, country and yes, indeed the world. We are empowered to use our voices through League work which is "heard" by our advocacy.

With legislation our actions can speak louder than our words and when they are put together in written form, we can be sure, that the CWL remains a strong presence in government and has a voice and society.

When there is action amongst our members, an infectious ripple effect for positive change happens and we are moved by our convention theme "*Called to Serve*" and guided by the principals of Catholic social teachings, this... makes us, unstoppable!

As women of faith, we have an obligation; and as citizens, we have a right, to follow legislative proceedings and share our concerns with government at all levels (National, Provincial and Municipal) this is how a democracy works.

In the new League Structure, Legislation fits under the banner of Social Justice and this, is exciting news. With this change all members have an opportunity to research and present information to their council members on Bills and government proceedings. This will ensure our organization remains relevant as we lobby for a fair and just society.

Do you dare to go above and beyond by connecting with your MPs and MPPs and do you participate in letter writing opportunities such as we had in the Fall of 2022?

At that time, overwhelmingly more than 700 of you participated in the "Go Make a Difference" letter writing campaign asking our Ontario Provincial Government for continued improvements to Long-term Care Homes. This was a CWL Provincial directive in relation to Resolution ON.22.01 Improve Long Term Care Homes in Ontario.

Social Justice is one of the core pillars of the League and our voices matter. Collectively, we represent this powerful organization as we influence government and laws that affect us all.

Through our Toronto Diocesan Newsletter I have been sharing with you various Bills which need our attention and will continue to do my part by monitoring and bringing forward information so our voices may be heard "*loud and clear*".



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We have been commissioned to "Go Make a Difference" and by fulfilling our personal CWL journeys with love and full commitment; we *can* make a difference by using our talents and our voice through League initiated... letter writing or petitions, effecting change and advocating for those who have no voice.

My written report can be found on pages 25-26 of the Annual Report Book.

This concludes my report

Mary Tuccitto