



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
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Madame Chair:

One of my goals during my two year term as Legislation Standing Committee Chair was to take a more active role in the legislative process and encourage councils to do the same. I have achieved this goal by sharing Federal and Provincial Bills regularly in our Toronto Diocesan newsletter and encouraged councils to do the same by forwarding the information to their members and following up with the action plans.

Two years ago you appointed me to the Legislation Chair position. At that time I thought ... "what is she thinking and why would she do this to me?" But now, looking back I am grateful. It has given me the opportunity to grow my faith and my awareness of day to day issues which concern us all and I have been humbled as I came to appreciate of the depth of knowledge by our members in Toronto Diocese as reported through the Unity Outreach Program and the Annual Reports.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled, Matthew 5: verse 6 ... Through this Beatitude we are called to seek justice for the lonely, those with unsafe drinking water or food insecurity and all who have lost hope and are seeking MAiD as a last resort. We are encouraged to take action through the work of Legislation but ... this requires us to get dirty, step outside ourselves and live like Jesus with skin on to continue the fight for better end-of-life palliative care and support for all Canadians.*

On the National website we find the "*Personal Letter Writing Guide*" Item #173. Use this resource to help you write a clear message to your MP and MPPs, effectively, forcefully, respectfully, communicating that as women of faith, we won't accept anything less and in the 600 series other invaluable resources, workshops and manuals are available to inspire and guide as we transition into the new League structure. Of particular note is item #614 *Handbook for Chairpersons of Faith, Service and Social Justice*.



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Our National theme "Here I Am Lord, Send Me" makes it clear that as members of the Catholic Women's League we are being called to witness to the love of God through service and I would add ... and action.

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

This concludes my report.