



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



Environment Care

To: All Parish Presidents, and Legislation Chairperson

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Directive # 1

The real feeling of Peace & Happiness- can only be achieved, by forgiving those who have wronged you, and by forgiving yourself for not being as good as you would like to be.

(Out of A German book 1933 I just found, by Paul Jaeger Contemplation about Christmas)

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Happy New Year!

As I am sitting in front of my computer, I have blanked out. There is so much happening that is important, and I find myself staring at the screen. This has never ever happened before, so I am at loss as how to tackle all of the issues.

What is Legislation? - The enacting of laws, -taking a stand;

Why become involved? -To become informed & prepared to defend our Christian values, -to affect changes to improve our country.

What can we do to have our say? -Pray, write letters to our MPs, MPPs or MLAs, - monitor and study legislation through the whole process look for what to support and what requires change, -prepare briefs and position papers on proposed legislation. -Monitor HANSARD or other government publications. - Monitor newspapers, other media. -Keep issues active in the minds of our members. -Become informed, - Take ACTION! More is to come in my next directive.

Pharmaceuticals in our Drinking Water:

I am still very perturbed about our drinking water issues; there is really no concrete testing on pharmaceuticals in our drinking water? This is a huge problem. What intake via medication and other things we consume goes eventually back into our watersheds. Our government screens the water for contaminants, why are pharmaceuticals not included? We need action. Write, write and write again letters to those in government. Have a meeting with your MPs to address this serious issue. I recently had a long conversation with our Pharmacist. He is on the same page as we are, and is also taking action. Recently we wrote action cards, I collected them and sent them along.

In the newspaper these past few days something caught my attention. The recapping article about 2018 written by our MPPs from the Queen's Park Report, I quote,
"One of the last year's big debates was the increased minimum wage. Area small business and farmers were worried they would lose their livelihood. It quickly became apparent the very people the government was claiming to help, were indeed the ones that would be the most negatively impacted. During the testimony before the Finance Committee, it was reiterated time and time again that the disadvantaged & those with disabilities would be the first to

become unemployed. Indeed small employers had to work so much harder and longer hours because they could not afford the increased wages, thus many students could not find employment as they had in previous years. The Lyme Disease Report and Tick Borne Illness Task Force in the 2015 Private Members Bill introduced by this MPP, an “Act to Require a Provincial Framework & Action Plan Concerning Vector-Borne –Diseases,” calling for the establishment of a provincial action plan.”

Euthanasia:

Our government is exploring more issues and are now even going into Palliative Care Facilities to promote assisted suicide. It has been reported that patients have been approached and pressured into submitting to this horrible crime. Some report this, and refuse, but what about the frail? When is it murder? When is it assisted suicide? Is there a difference? In any case it is taking a life, and the most person, the one who is sick and in need of compassion, that can be helped with medications to bear their pain and suffering, while facing the end of their life, are being pressured. It is hard to understand. Most people do not believe this is really happening. Surely it is not so- *but it is!* Slowly we are becoming desensitized and thinking there is nothing wrong with the aforementioned practice.

Again take action and make these issues public knowledge. Let the different organizations know you don't believe in their practices. Especially - if you hear of a sudden death, investigate further. Too many doctors are buying into this practice. What a sad world we are living in.

You can make a difference. DO IT!

God loves us even though we are sometimes failing him.
May God bless you all.

Your Legislation Committee Person,

Helga Stuermer