

Provincial Resolutions and Legislation

August 31, 2015, Peggy Roche

Communiqué #1

Hi everyone:

My name is Peggy Roche, and I am your Provincial Standing Committee Chairperson for Resolutions/Legislation. It is both an honour and a privilege for me to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors Margaret Fitzpatrick and Madeline Corbett and all those who went before us. I look forward to working with you and for you. If you have any issues or ideas for me to address, perhaps a possible resolution, by all means please contact me at 709-437-6197 or by e-mail pegasus@nl.rogers.com 34 Tynedale Dr. Torbay, A1K1B6. Please keep me and my family in your prayers.

At the 36th Annual Convention this year in St. John's the following resolution was moved by Lidwina Critch and second by Liz Snook. There being no discussion, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Spiritual Development, Newfoundland and Labrador Council

2015.01 The New Evangelization

- Whereas,** All baptized are called to a missionary vocation, to witness to all who have not heard the Gospel as well as to those who have lost their faith; and
- Whereas,** As Catholic Women's League members, we are called to take an active role in the Church's mission to lead all people to an encounter with Jesus Christ; and
- Whereas,** The Holy Spirit impels us to open the door and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel and communicate the joy of faith, through encounter with Jesus Christ; therefore, be it
- Resolved,** That the provincial council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in 35th annual convention assembled encourage members to promote the New Evangelization, by studying and promoting the message of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, as a means of spreading our faith within our councils, families and parish communities.

Action Plan

- ~ Form Study Groups to explore the message of the "The Joy of the Gospel", the letter of Pope Francis on the Gospel in today's world.
- ~ Invite speakers that specialize in the topic of Evangelization.
- ~ Pray an Evangelization Prayer at all CWL meetings and promote that prayer in the parishes.
- ~ Use daily life opportunities to support the faith of another person, to share our own faith, and work for justice and peace in order to build up Jesus' kingdom in our homes and workplaces and among our neighbors and friends.
- ~ Avail of workshops provided by NL Provincial Council, through the National Development fund.
- ~ Include / engage Parish Spiritual Advisor's in planning prayer, reflection and workshops on the New Evangelization, and make them available to all parishioners.

I encourage you to follow the Action Plan and invite members, congregation, and community to come share with us in *The New Evangelization* together.

Abortion Pill

I am sure that by now most of us have heard that Health Canada announced the approval of Mifegymiso, “*The Abortion Pill, Ru486*. Canadian women will have access to it by January 2016. A doctor’s prescription will be required to purchase the drug. For more information about the drug please check out the CBC News July 30, 2015 along with the many other links relating to this issue.

This decision of Health Canada stands! No other approval is required. Under Canadian Legislation, *Food and Drugs Act R.S.C. 19, 1985. c-F27*. Health Canada’s decision is protected as it had gone through the Regulatory Process resulting in the final approval.

We can, however, add this issue to the many listed in the *2015 CWL Federal Elections Guide* **MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD**. I strongly urge you to become more aware of who’s who this election year. As Catholic women we have the ability to make change. Ask questions of the candidates knocking on our doors looking for support. Will they support the unborn?

National Resolutions

Just an update from Past President Rita Janes who was kind enough to send me the list of the National Resolutions adopted at the 95th National Annual Convention August 19, 2015. Thanks Rita! The first three fall under Education and Health and the last two under Legislation.

- 2015.01: Increased Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Health Services
- 2015.02: Ban Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products
- 2015 .03: Ban the use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides
- 2015.04: Invoke section 33 (Notwithstanding Clause) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the case of Carter v Canada, (Supreme Court Ruling, Feb 6, 2015)
- 2015.05: Reinstate the Mandatory Long-Form Census

Once I receive my first Communiqué from my National Counterpart we will have more detail and action plans to guide us in our works.

Let us be content, to do the thing we can and not presume to fret because it’s little.
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

God Bless you all!
Peggy Roche