



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Council
Resolutions and Legislation**

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Communiqué # 4

One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

To:	Parish Chairpersons of Resolutions and Legislation
CC:	Provincial Executive and National Chairpersons (for information)
From:	Peggy Roche, Provincial Chairperson of Resolutions and Legislation

Greeting: Welcome everyone, especially all new chairpersons. I look forward to working with you on Resolutions and Legislation during 2016. A very special thank you to all past chairpersons for a great job during your term. Please continue to share your gifts and talents with CWL at all levels.

Petition:

On January 15, 2016 I received an e-mail from Provincial Past President Rita Janes calling us to action to support the petition on the *Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*.

Rita writes:

"I am taking the liberty of sending this information in regard to the Ecumenical Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide to you, which also can be found on the CWL website (cwl.ca) or the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops website (CCCB). The Declaration can be found at <http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/sign-the-declaration/>

You are asked to sign to state your opposition to the legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide. It seems that it must be signed electronically. The names of those who signed are posted and so far there is only one name from Newfoundland and Labrador. Please take the time to sign. It is so important and our voice should be heard. Let us see your name on the list.

Maybe, if some of your members cannot access the petition electronically you can help them or offer to do on your computer. I notice you have to confirm email address before they post your name so you may not be able to do more than one name from one email address. You can try.

Signing this declaration is time sensitive as the deadline for enacting the Supreme Court Ruling re the legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide is February 6th, unless the Federal Government is granted the six month extension that they requested.

At our February, 2015 Workshop we did a session on the Ruling of the Supreme Court on Physician Assisted Suicide and also at the Convention we approved a Motion on Need for Palliative Care.

As you know our Canadian Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and our National Catholic Women's League (cwl.ca) are taking an active role in the promotion of better and more accessible palliative care in all parts of Canada.

Share this information with your members and encourage all to take the time to sign."

I strongly urge you to encourage members to sign the petition in support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide as requested. Please stand up and be counted! For information the Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide states:

"Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia raise profound social, moral, legal, theological and philosophical question – questions that go to the very core of our understanding of who we are, the meaning of life, and the duty of care we owe to each other."

(www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/sign)

Action Plans:

To move forward we need to look back! By doing so we will be able to revisit the action plans of the resolutions and motions(s) that have been approved at the Provincial and National levels for 2015 and previous years, especially the Provincial Motion on Palliative Care 2015 and Provincial Resolution 2014.01 Seniors' Advocate.

Resolutions action plans are directed to the various standing committee chairpersons that the resolution falls under for action. Please remember, we are not expected to do everything the one time and by looking back we can see what has been done (add to annual reports) and what still needs our attention.

Annual Reports:

In saying that, I have to send my Provincial Annual Report to Madame Provincial President Ruby Sharpe by March 1st. In order for me to meet this deadline I need you to submit your annual report to me by Ash Wednesday, February 10th. You can send it to me by:

e-mail: pegasus@nl.rogers.com

or by mail: 34 Tynedale Drive, Torbay, NL, and A1K1B6

With your help I will include your reports in my provincial report. For information purpose I have include this reminder quoted from The National Manual of Policy and Procedure page 69 lines 22-25:

"If the activity relates to a resolution that has been adopted, the chairperson whose committee the action plan was referred to would report. The resolutions standing committee annual report should include a list of actions taken by councils or members on current and previous resolutions. The list must include resolution number and title".

God Bless you all!

Your Sister in the League.

