

Regina Diocesan RESOLUTIONS COMMUNIQUE #1 November 2019

To: CWL Parish Resolutions Chairpersons
From: Blanche Bellerive

Hello. I am your Resolutions Chairperson for the next 2 years. First of all, my apologies for not getting out a Communiqué earlier in the fall. I am afraid I put CWL “on the shelf” for the summer and was entirely unprepared when the deadline arrived. I will strive to be more on the ball in future. A little bit about me: I have been a CWL member since the 1980’s. My mother was very involved in the CWL at Sacred Heart Parish for many years. I have not always been able to be fully active, but have tried to when I could. I work full time as an optometrist. My husband David and I have been married 31 years and have two grown children, both still in University. Our home Parish is St. Anne’s, Regina. I was CWL President there for a term, which I enjoyed very much. I pray that I may ably carry out my duties as Chairperson of Resolutions at the Diocesan level.

In August 2019, 846 members, spiritual advisors and guests attended the 99th annual national convention of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada in Calgary, Alberta. From across Canada, they gathered to pray, to celebrate faith, to hear reports, to be inspired by outstanding speakers and to discuss issues facing the world today.

Two resolutions were adopted by national council:

- Resolution 2019.01 Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child urges the federal government “to honour its legal commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by providing legal protection to children before birth.”
- Resolution 2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons urges the federal government “to support, sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

It is now our challenge for the next year to take action on these resolutions. Consider printing one of these for each of your council meetings. Discuss and share with your council so they are informed of the resolutions. Read the Action Plan (which is part of each resolution) as a group and decide if there is anything that you as a council or as individual members, can do. Actions include, but are not limited to: writing letters to our politicians, hosting guest speakers on the topics, keeping your council informed of government decisions, and personal research on the resolutions.

Your council may also wish to consider writing a resolution. In mid-August we received a note advising that St. Joseph's CWL Council, Indian Head, was in the process of writing a Resolution, hopefully to be submitted in time for presentation at the next Diocesan Convention in Estevan.

This resolution has now come to the Diocesan level and a committee has been struck to review it. I hope to have more to report on this in my next Communique.

Blessings to all