**Resolution & Legislation Standing Committee Chair’s Report**

**96th Annual Diocesan Convention April 21, 2018**

**Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan**

Madam President:

One year ago I was elected to the Diocesan Council to the Resolutions and Legislation Chair. What a year this has been! For one thing, I don’t get lost so often in Edmonton anymore! I have learned so much about CWL particularly about this chair. I am happy that one resolution was submitted for presentation. I had some very knowledgeable people on my committee. Judy Look, Janice Blair and Dorothy Johanson helped to make this resolution as acceptable as possible. I’m not sure I am ready to do this again on my own, and I shouldn’t have to, but it is an interesting process.

Remarks: National Palliative Care Bill C-277 has received royal assent as of December 12, 2017.

Resolution 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals: The Ontario Supreme Court of Justice upheld their policies regarding the requirement that physicians opposed to euthanasia or abortion must refer patients to healthcare professionals who will provide the act. If this can happen in Ontario it can happen in all provinces.

In Canada the justice system protects the rights of murderers in that murderers are not executed, however, Canada also supports the rights of those health professionals who murder unborn children and euthanize other vulnerable people. In Canada is this a just society?

Continue to make your views known to Premier Rachel Notley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Minister Kathleen Ganley, your local MLAs and local MPs. Get involved. Your voice must be heard! We have to speak for those who cannot.

A Bill to watch: Bill 26: an act to control and regulate cannabis: This bill has been passed, but has not yet been proclaimed. It is important for each one of us to be educated on the effects of second-hand smoke, especially children and the elderly.

With the recent bus accident in Saskatchewan Resolution 2011.03 was brought back for us to respond to. In the event of death we can sign up to donate organs and tissue to help save lives and to urge the Federal Government to establish and implement a National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Registry. Information is available at my poster board table.

This concludes my report. Are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted,

For God and Canada

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