



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
London Diocesan Council



To: All London Parish Presidents, Resolutions and Legislation Chairpersons  
CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Chairpersons, Wilma Vanderzwaag and Margie Royle  
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### Combined Directive #3

*Sometimes all you need is someone to say I'm here for you.*

### Resolutions update:

On behalf of our OPC Resolutions Chair Wilma Vanderzwaag and myself I'd like to thank the members who took the time to write to the government regarding an inquiry into long term care. Changes are desperately needed as we have seen with the covid-19 outbreak. If you would still like to send the letter to Premier Ford, it is available on our website. One by one we can make a difference.

National has directed that all resolutions from 2020 be presented at the 2021 conventions. If your council is currently working on a resolution please let me know as soon as possible. My email address is [joanlobsinger@sympatico.ca](mailto:joanlobsinger@sympatico.ca)

### Legislation update:

In June 2020 I sent out an alert about Bill C-7, the federal government is looking to make changes to the assisted suicide legislation. How very serious this is as they propose to loosen the requirements to Medical Assistance in Dying. The proposed changes address among other things, concerns around who is eligible for MAID, the role of palliative care, and the role of consent.

In my last directive I included a sample letter that opposed Bill C-7. I'd like to thank those of you who had the opportunity to write to your Member of Parliament on this very serious issue however, if you did not, I encourage you to do it now. It is available on the diocesan website or I will gladly send you the sample letter via email at [h.d.stuermer@sympatico.ca](mailto:h.d.stuermer@sympatico.ca). You can use one, some or all of the bullet points in the sample letter. Be sure to send a copy of your letter to the opposition critics too as we could be having an election as we have a minority government. The link to view the town hall on assisted suicide is <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/town-hall-assisted-dying-maid-legislation-1.5491824>.

Those in nursing homes and living alone are feeling lonely due to covid-19 restrictions. It is more important than ever to **reach out to them**. Please remember to call or have a social distance visit with our members. Perhaps you can read to them or pray with them.

*Continue to stay safe!*

*Your Sisters in Christ,*

*Joan and Helga*