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To: All Parish Presidents, Resolutions Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

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Directive #6

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.' Zechariah 7:9-10 NIV

What a great convention we had! Thank you to all who introduced themselves to me!

Our resolution dialogue meeting was attended by 105 ladies! Praise God! Meaningful conversations flowed, and great suggestions came from this time together. I hope all who attended learned something in the process.

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 95th Annual Diocesan Convention, Resolution 2015-01 LON Provision of Regulated Housing for the Chronically, Severely Mentally Ill was passed by unanimous vote as amended. Thank you to all who worked so diligently on this resolution – St. Michael's Parish Council in London especially Cathie Gauthier, Mary Maxell and Joan Lobsinger. The resolution has been passed on to Provincial Council for consideration for the 2015 Provincial Convention in Niagara Falls this July.

Some pointers for writing resolutions, resolution dialogues, and amendments to presented resolutions:

1. The **WHEREAS** clauses are facts. They are substantiated in the brief and referenced in the works cited. Although the grammatical wording can be changed, the meaning cannot. The clause must be directly related to the brief and works cited
2. The **RESOLVED** clauses are what we as a body want to see changed...the action of the resolution. When in discussion (dialogue stage) this is where changes can be proposed for amendment. Clauses can be re-written to express new ideas, additional ideas or to clarify ideas.

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3. To **WRITE** a resolution, start with the resolved clause...what you want to see changed; then write the whereas clause, using the points that originated your idea of change. Then investigate the facts of what is happening now. This becomes your citations. Next comes the brief.
4. The **BRIEF** is exactly that. A brief reference to your facts found in the whereas clauses.

As always, our executive is eager to assist you in any way. If you have an idea, let me know and we will guide you as much as possible to write a resolution.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you as you carry on our Lord's work! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!