To: All Parish Presidents, Resolutions Chairperson

CC: London Diocesan Council, Wilma Vanderzwaag OPC Resolutions Chairperson

From: Wilhelmina Kole, 1st Vice President and Resolutions Chair

Date May 2021

Directive # 1

"O Lord, as women of faith, we come before you seeking justice for our world"

Ann Doucet, Life Member, New Brunswick

To begin, I am so grateful to be part of this wonderful organization, the Catholic Women's League, for the past 45 years and part of the diocesan council for the past 9 years, first as the Sarnia Lambton Regional Chair, then Spiritual Development Chair, followed by 3 years as Recording Secretary.

I have been married to the love of my life for 49 years and have two amazing children who have gifted us with 2 beautiful grandchildren who light up our lives. I am truly blessed. This past year has been a challenge, as my husband was diagnosed with cancer. We have been to London many times for appointments and treatments, which is difficult with the pandemic, but our faith has kept us going.

When I heard that I was to be Resolutions Chair, I was excited as over the years that I have been involved in the League, I have seen resolutions brought to government and been made into law. One is "mandatory bike helmets" for children and another is the white lines on the side of highways started as a resolution by the CWL.

Do you know of an issue that you feel strongly needs to change, then you might want to get a committee together to start the process of writing a resolution. We will learn together what is necessary to make a resolution that brings the result that we hope for.

You can go into the National site <u>www.cwl.ca</u> to find past resolutions. Another council may have already started the issue you are investigating.

Please let me know if you are thinking of writing a resolution or have already started one.

The topic for the resolution should be submitted by October 1 and the completed resolution submitted to the Diocesan Resolutions Chair by October 15. (Diocesan Policy and Procedure Manual)

Yours in Christ,

Wilhelmina (Willi) Kole