



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council



To: All Parish Presidents, Legislation Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council, OPC Legislation Chairperson Karen McDonald

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Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Corinthians 5:7 KJV)

So many times I have been asked, "What is Legislation?" What is it that you do?

Here again are the answers:

1. Legislation is social justice in action monitoring Federal and Provincial government.
2. Becoming informed: monitoring bills on the website, in newspapers & other media.
3. Getting Educated: discussing bills & keeping issues current in the minds of our members.
4. Taking Action: Writing letters to all levels of Government, & the local MP & MPP's

We bring gained knowledge to share with our members, and encourage them to take action. We need to be strong and yet carry out resolutions to influence our government's policy.

Convention 2019

I am pleased that both resolutions were passed at convention: Resolution 2019-01 LON Abortion and the Effects on Mental Health and Resolution 2019-02 LON Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, an Amendment to the Express Entry System under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act as it relates to Religious Worker and will go forward to the next stage to Provincial Convention. Please pray these resolutions are passed there.

The convention centered around Caring for Our Common Home. Many interesting reports were given on how we can do our part to protect our environment. The **Laudato Si** is a worldwide wake-up call to help humanity understand the destruction that man is rendering to the environment and his fellow man's effect on the environment. **Take Action-How can we contribute to help fix things now, not later?**

Bill C-418

An Act to amend the criminal code (medical assistance in dying)

To make it an offence to intimidate a medical practitioner, nurse, pharmacist or any other health care provider for the purpose of compelling them to take part directly or indirectly in the provision of medical assistance in dying. (MAID)

We need Bill C-418 to protect the rights of all Conscience objectors to choose not to assist in taking a person's life.

Recap: A group of doctors are fighting against the new policy put out by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. That policy demands that doctors participate in procedures that violate their conscience and the Law of God (euthanasia and abortion).

Now with the ruling made May 15th, 2019, three Ontario Judges: Justices **George Strathy, Sara Pepall, and J. Micha Fairburn**, have decreed that there is no higher law – then **their law!** They are spinning their horrible decision as upholding “patient care.”

As this issue is time sensitive please go to our website: www.cwllondon.ca under the “Take Action” tab. Conservative MP Dave Anderson brought this private member’s bill forward; it is currently under consideration in the House of Commons. It is expected to come up for voting on May 29th, 2019. Please read the bill carefully and realize how urgent it is. We want our right to have our conscience respected by our government. And please pray, pray, pray....

Sign now at: <https://www.citizengo.org/en-ca/1f/170489-support-freedom-conscience-our-doctors>

The Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice is saying: Don’t force Doctors to kill!

House of Commons;

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6; e-mail David.Lametti@parl.gc.ca

He is also saying “I would like to voice my support for Bill C-418, the Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act.

If you have already signed the petition, share this info with as many people as possible!

I will keep you informed.

God Bless each and every one of you and please pray and voice your concerns.

I remain your CWL sister,

Helga Stuermer

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P.S.: Write a personal letter to Hon. David Lametti and tell him you support Bill C-418

Some info used from a letter of David Cooke from CitizenGO mentioned in my last Memo of May.