



London Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Resolutions Chairpersons  
CC: London Diocesan Council  
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### Directive #9

*"What we would like to do is change the world-make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended for them to do."* Dorothy Day

## Flash Back

Since we are at the beginning of a New Year why not take a look back in time?

Resolution 2003.01 Affordable Housing for Low Income Canadians dealt with an aspect of Homelessness. It seems to me that the more things change the more they stay the same.

**Whereas**, Article 25 (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, in part, "everyone has the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control;" and

**Whereas**, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has defined homelessness as including those "at risk" and "hidden" whose tenure is threatened by rents that exceed a reasonable portion of their income; and

**Whereas**, There is still a shortage of adequate, affordable housing for homeless and low-income Canadians, even though governments at all levels have increased funding; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, in 83rd annual national convention assembled, urge the minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to further increase funding for adequate, affordable housing for low-income persons; and, be it further

**Resolved**, That the national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, in 83rd annual national convention assembled, encourage provincial and diocesan councils to urge provincial/territorial and municipal governments to further increase funding for adequate, affordable housing for low-income persons.

**Could we take some time to write our mayors, MPPs, MPs and the Prime Minister about this issue? Contact me if you would like a sample letter.**

**Happy New Year!**

*Mary*

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