

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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At our fall Diocesan meeting I had you fill out a survey on resolutions. I compiled those responses and sent them to Maria Capobianco, ON Resolutions Chair. She tabled those responses from all the resolution chairs in ON and felt the need to respond to the question, "Why do you like resolutions and what fuels your interest in resolutions?"

Here are some of the highlights to the question:

- Resolutions are a powerful source for advocacy
- Resolutions give women a voice in Canadian society.
- Resolutions help bring change for social justice.
- Resolutions address issues of concern.
- Resolutions help to educate ourselves and others.

When we see an injustice, we are fueled to do something about it. Resolutions help to change the world in a positive way. From the responses resolutions are still alive and will continue to be a vehicle for members to make a difference in our world.

National Resolutions chair, Rolande Charnichan, suggested two ways in which each member can get involved in our world:

1. Initiate a resolution to address a social injustice and
2. Write a letter to government about a League resolution or a social justice issue.

The national has published a new Resolutions Handbook on the website (cwl.ca) under Resources #618. It is important that members give advocacy to the adopted resolutions by writing letters to elected members of government. If members do not write letters, the resolution will have no effect but mere words on paper.

Rolande says that personal letters to government draw more attention than form letters, postcards or signing petitions. A tool for Personal Writing Guide can be found on cwl.ca under Resources #173.

On February 14, 16 and 17, 2023 the national met with federal MPs to discuss CWL's adopted resolutions.