

**Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
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**Irene Perrault Resolutions**

Mary Capobianco, Ontario Provincial Resolutions Chair, reports that through our resolutions, we educate our members and speak directly with government at all levels to voice our concerns and make suggestions for change. Some of the issues that the League has shown interest in are: safe drinking water for Indigenous communities, equitable justice for Indigenous offenders, human trafficking, long-term care conditions, mental health, homelessness and poverty, human dignity including provision of palliative care, and the environment.

CWL members are serious, informed and committed women who monitor government legislation, as well as church and societal issues.

At a breakfast reception held in the Ontario Parliamentary Legislature in February 2024 the Ontario CWL met with 22 representatives from all parties (14 Members of Provincial Parliament, 8 Legislative Assistants and Minister Representatives). The CWL executive members circulated among the tables discussing topics important to CWL members. The team did its best to ensure that the League's advocacy work was carried out. Topics discussed were: quality health care, prioritizing funding to improve long term care, the government's commitment to the widening of Highway 69, mandatory ATV training for youth, regulating and upgrading funding for personal support workers (PSWs) and coverage for diabetic supplies and catheters.

The committee felt that the government's reception was a great success. Resolutions were presented to many MPPs and contacts were established between party makers and the Ontario Provincial CWL

As resolution chairs, we need to educate our members on the role of resolutions and its impact on society. CWL brings to the table its very important Catholic/Christian values and concerns.