

**Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Legislation Communique # 3**

“Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call”

To: Diocesan Counterparts (**For distribution to parish councils**)
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Introduction

In my communique last November, I encouraged you to get informed about issues that affect you, your family and your community. I hope that you have been able to access Hansard, for both the Provincial Legislature and the House of Commons. There is a wealth of information there for the status of the Bills that are being dealt with, what members have introduced Private Members Bills as well as who says what in the debates.

Resolutions

I encourage you to read the article written by National legislation Chairperson, Nancy Simms, in the Winter 2017 League Magazine. In the article titled “Who Knows Where The Time Goes”, she urges us to continue to take action on **Resolution 2016.04**, which urges legislation to be enacted to identify palliative care as an insured health service. Nancy goes on to explain how the World Health Organization defines palliative care.

Resolution 2016.05 urges legislation to be enacted to include home care as an insured health service. Nancy has set up an e-petition through the House of Commons website as a way for us to support this resolution. Let your voice be heard by clicking on the website and following the prompts.

<https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-673>

Please act on this before the March 28th deadline. It only takes a few minutes and your voices will be heard by government.

Bills in the House of Commons

Bill C-277: Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act had passed its second reading as of Jan.26th.

Bill C-268: Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act is to assure freedom of conscience for health care providers. Please read a motion adopted at the 2016 National Convention regarding the Catholic Women's League stand on this issue. (Winter 2017 League Magazine, page 2)

Bill C-290: An Act to Amend the Food and Drug Act. This Bill asks for clear labelling of inactive substances and additives in food products.

Did you know?

That you as an individual you can ask your MLA to present a petition to government, on your behalf.

May our new theme: **“Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call”** fill you with renewed energy so that your voices will be heard by all levels of government.