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**NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**  
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**THEME: Centered on Faith & Justice**

**COMMUNIQUÉ # 4**

To: Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life  
Provincial President  
National Chairperson of Christian Family Life

For: Action  
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Greetings. Trusting all have had a restful summer and ready to forge ahead with enthusiasm on our theme, Centered on Faith & Justice. It was a pleasure to meet with my Diocesan counterparts; Anita Ward, Halifax and Pauline Graham, Antigonish at the Provincial Workshop in Truro. Welcome to Pauline as the new elected chairperson from Antigonish. I look forward to working with you both along with our National Chairperson, Peggy Roche.

At the National Convention in August, a resolution was adopted under this standing committee. It was, *'Prohibition of Practices re Human Reproductive Material'*. The resolve clause urges the Federal Government to prohibit practices of alteration, manipulation and treatment of human reproductive material that result in the destruction of human embryos. The action plan encourages members to write the Federal Government with a copy to your local MP. Further information on this resolution is on the National website. It is also suggested that Councils invite a guest speaker on the subject of ethical embryo research.

At the Provincial workshop in August our discussions focused on how this standing committee could further the work of 'Women Against Poverty'. The loneliness that many seniors experience, who live alone often due to family dynamics that exists in our society today, was felt to be an area where members could work toward helping to alleviate. Some suggestions were that Councils could host monthly luncheons and make personal contact to invite seniors in their communities. Provide transportation for them to attend these functions and other functions in the parish. Make contact to just let them know someone is thinking about them by telephone, cards and visits.

A very useful resource is the Christian Family Life Study Kit which is free from the National website. Also, COLF (Catholic Organization for Life and Family) has a new publication called, "Families, did you know? Love is calling your children". The message recognizes that the young are searching for meaning and ideals and wish to understand the meaning of their own special calling. Printed copies of the 2011 Message to Families can be ordered from [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca) or by phoning 613-241-9461, extension 161.

If I can be of assistance at any time, do not hesitate to contact me. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide your work for God and Canada.

Your sister in the League  
Carol

*Faith in the Resurrection is a lived sense that God is still in charge.*