



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**

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To: Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons

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cc: Diocesan Executive, Parish Presidents, Provincial Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson

'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.' Psalm 13:1

Provincial Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson

Congratulations to **Betsy Currier**, our newly elected Ontario Provincial Christian Family Life Chair. Betsy has been a League member for 29 years, and until recently, the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan's Past President. Sub-Committee members, Angela Pellerin from the London Dioceses and Audrey Shelton from the Timmins Dioceses have accepted Betsy's invitation to serve on the CFL team with her.

"Go Make a Difference!"

Linda Squarzolo, our provincial president, has chosen "Go Make a Difference!" as her theme for the next two years. Our concerns include marriage and family, sanctity of life, vocations, and ministry to the youth, seniors, single, widowed, divorced, separated. We are encouraged to acquaint ourselves with services offered in our own diocese that address Christian family life concerns:

Family Life Office
New Beginnings
Children's Aid
Diocesan Vocation Director

Catholic Family Services
Marriage Tribunal
Ministry to Youth

Bereavement Counseling
Outreach to the Elderly
Respect Life Office

Sanctity of Life

It is the belief of the League that the right to life is sacred from the moment of fertilization to natural death.

National Christian Family Life Chair, Dorothy Johansen, reminded us that one of the objects of the League is to protect the sanctity of life. We have heard and have read about changes in the US. with the overturning of "Roe v. Wade", yet Canada has no plans to consider changing its abortion laws. We are urged to visit the national website to read her message, paying particular attention to the actions she proposes to address this issue.

Save the Date

The next March for Life will be May 11, 2023 in Ottawa. Please visit the March for Life website for great information and resources. Their theme for 2022 is "I Am" <https://marchforlife.ca/>

Resolutions

There are many outstanding resolutions that address issues related to our standing committee. A few notable ones include:

- 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying
- 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals
- 2015.01 Increased Early Access and Intervention to Children and Youth Mental Health Services

We are asked to visit the national website and refresh ourselves with the resolutions there. You will find many actionable points to address.

I look forward to working with you and your parishes over the next two years. Please reach out to me if I can be of assistance, answer some of your questions or address your concerns.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide your work for God and Canada.

Blessings,

Kelly Langevin

Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairperson