

Legislation

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“Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good.” (Pope Francis)

Greetings dear sisters in the League! Thank you for your faithful service to members as chairpersons of legislation. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to serve as national chairperson of legislation. I have a passion for deliberating on the political influences in the world and am very excited to be able to journey with you throughout the next two years. My biography can be found on the League’s website at cwl.ca/general-information/meet-our-executive/.

The work for this new term (2021-2023) started early with the distribution of the excellent workshop developed by Betty Colaneri, past national chairperson of legislation (2018-2021). Currently, parliament is dissolved. Chairpersons will be able to monitor the federal government’s work once parliament reopens and the members of the House of Commons take their oath or solemn affirmation of allegiance. As a review, the following three websites are often helpful in providing information on parliamentary sessions and bills that are moving towards royal assent:

1. **House of Commons Parliamentary Business:** ourcommons.ca/en/parliamentary-business
This website contains the parliamentary calendar and descriptions of the work of members of parliament.
2. **LEGISinfo:** parl.ca/LegisInfo/Home.aspx?ParliamentSession=43-2
This website provides information on bills being considered in both the House of Commons and Senate.
3. **Department of Justice:** justice.gc.ca/eng/
This website offers information on federal law pertaining to a range of issues such as family law, Indigenous rights and privileges and contains the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. While legislation itself does not usually arise from the department of justice, information on this website often provides background information on laws that need to be considered when deliberating on a bill.

Unfortunately, not all councils have a standing committee for legislation. Please encourage your diocesan counterparts to request that parish council presidents ensure the dissemination of legislation information to members in the absence of a standing committee chairperson.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us as we continue in our work “For God and Canada!”

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