



Kingston Diocesan Council  
Legislation Standing Committee  
Directive # 5  
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Dear Sisters in the League,

Our government's provincial election is fast approaching. Linda Squarzolo, our Ontario Provincial Legislation Standing Committee has forwarded the following suggestions and ideas as to how we can become informed and involved ...

- Know who the candidates are in your riding. What parties do they represent? What is the party's platform?
- Are "All Candidates" meetings being held? Attend. Ask questions.
- And, very importantly ....
  - \*make sure you know **where** your voting station is located.
  - \*bring photo ID with you.
  - \*make sure to vote.

Looking back at resolutions approved over the last few years, there are the issues of concern to League members. Candidates should be questioned and made aware of these issues.

#### **Catholic Education**

The Green Party recently announced that their platform included the amalgamation of all the school systems in the province. Where do other candidates stand?

#### **Prohibit the Use of Indoor Tanning Equipment for Youth**

This was approved by the last legislature. The NDP introduced this as a private member's bill and the minister of health made it a government policy. Both parties should be congratulated for their efforts.

#### **Infrared Breast Screening Thermography**

The government is asked to implement a comprehensive study of infrared breast screening thermography that uses the technologies currently available

#### **Raising Awareness of Colorectal Cancer and the Importance of Early Detection**

Urge an increase in funding to educate the public about the importance of testing and screening for the disease, as well that it remain a health care priority.

#### **Financial Assistance for Diabetes Supplies**

Urge full coverage of the cost of injection materials and other related medical supplies for those who are insulin dependent diabetics.

**Raising Awareness of Anaphylaxis**

Urge a public awareness program to recognize the signs of anaphylaxis and how to assist those having a reaction.

**Understanding Palliative Care**

Urge a public awareness program to increase public understanding, perception and awareness of palliative care and available services.

**Mandatory Wearing of Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmets**

Urge amendment of legislation to make it mandatory for all ages to wear properly fitted bicycle helmets.

**Make Dementia a Health Care Priority**

Urge the increase in funding for home and institutional care.

**Automobile Tire Age - A Safety Risk**

Urge a restriction on the sale of tires not more than six years since manufacture and that the date of manufacture be clearly visible on the exterior sidewall of tires.

**Create a National Strategy to End Child Poverty**

A provincial strategy was put in place in 2008 and a report was to be released in early 2014.

**Ontario Works Recipients Income/Ontario Disability Support Program**

Urge a sufficient income for those on social assistance to have adequate housing, food and other basic needs; and that both programs be indexed to the cost of living.

**Amending the Greenbelt Legislation**

Urge the protection of all prime farmland in Ontario.

**Long-term Care**

Urge that the standards of care be adequate, clear, measurable, enforceable and resident-focused.

**Widening of Highway 69**

Urge the construction of the four lanes of highway be continued between Parry Sound and Sudbury.

It is hoped you find this information helpful for members as you make your decisions.

Thank you,

Margie Royle,  
Legislation Chair, Kingston Diocesan Council