



The Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Legislation

Care for our Common Home

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To: Parish Council Legislation Chairs

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CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Legislation Chair

Effective January 1, 2019, the new national theme is **Care for our Common Home**. Elections were held and Betty Colaneri (from Ontario) is the national legislation chairperson.

Ontario Government Visit

Karen McDonald our provincial legislative chair attended the visit in November to the provincial government. She reported it was a humbling and exciting experience. You can review the report on this visit at www.cwl.on.ca.

Scavenger Hunt

The scavenger hunt was participated in by 26 teams across Ontario. The goal was to educate members about homelessness issues within our communities and to review legislation in place. A summary of these findings will follow.

Please continue to do what you can with the homeless in your community. There is much to be done in our own community. Charity begins at home.

Become Informed about Bill - 45 (The Cannabis Act)

History was made on Oct 27th, 2018 with the passing of Bill - 45, as Canada became the second country in the world to fully legalize marijuana for recreational use. Canadians may now purchase a variety of cannabis products from licensed producers/retailers at retail locations authorized by the provinces/territories.

Ontario Provincial Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson Karen McDonald provided an update on some legislative bills:

- **Bill 13**, *Time to Care Act* (Long-Term Care Homes Amendment, Minimum Standard of Daily Care), 2018
- **Bill 58**, *Family Caregiver Day Act*, 2018
- **Bill 59**, *Caregiver Recognitions Act*, 2018
- **Bill 63**, *Right to Timely Mental Health and Addiction Care for Children and Youth Act*, 2018

Respectfully submitted.