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Dear Sisters in the League

My name is Catherine Feren and I am honoured to have been chosen as Hamilton Diocesan Council Legislation Committee Chair. I was blessed to have been raised in a Catholic home where the value of service to the community was taught and brilliantly modeled. I have served in many ways, in the parish and in the community at large, with gratitude to God for all I have been given. I became a Catholic Women's League member in 2007 and have held communications, president-elect, president and past-president positions in Holy Rosary, Guelph Council. My husband Michael and I make our home in Guelph and are proud parents of six children and grandparents of two.

The responsibilities associated with the legislation committee are to monitor and study legislation at all levels of government and prepare briefs and position papers on proposed legislation of interest to Catholic Women's League members. I will focus on three specific areas of legislation during my term. I will follow and report on proposed or implemented legislation related to current Catholic Women's League resolutions, sanctity of life issues and that which enhances or detracts from our call to be good stewards of God's creation.

All legislation comes from our various levels of government. We are fortunate to live in a liberal democracy where we have the right and also the obligation to select those who will represent us. Our representatives will propose and vote on legislation that will form the laws and guiding principles in our municipality, province and country, ultimately touching every aspect of our lives. As our country prepares for a federal election of members of parliament, it is a good time to stress the importance of understanding the platforms of the political parties asking for your vote. As Catholic women, we are called to prayerfully consider how the various platforms are in line with or conflict with the objects of the Catholic Women's League, the teachings of the church and our own personal views before voting for any particular candidate. Talk with the men and women seeking office in your area to obtain their opinions on issues from their party's perspective, review a variety of main stream and independent media sources, consult with family and friends and only then vote accordingly.

May God bless you in all you do for God and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Feren