



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

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To: Parish Council Service Chairs

From: Dorothy Boyer, Diocesan Service Chair

Cc: SSM Council Presidents, Diocesan Executive, Provincial Service Chair

Dear Sisters,

There is a Catholic Women's League of Canada position paper entitled Euthanasia and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and is available on the national website: <https://www.cwl.ca/position-papers/>. Originally adopted in February of 1986, it has been revised in 1992, 1994, 2006, reaffirmed in October of 2014 and revised most recently in August of 2023.

"The Catholic Women's League of Canada, in accordance with the Catholic Church teachings, respects human life from conception to natural death. Any deliberate killing of another human being by euthanasia/MAiD is gravely wrong, even when done out of compassion when someone is dying or there is concern about their quality of life. The League:

- *affirms its support for allowing a person to die a natural death with support from palliative care*
- *believes that each member of society is unique, including the underprivileged, disabled, sick or infirm, whose dignity needs to be honoured, respected and protected*
- *recognizes that Canadian legislation is on a slippery slope of becoming more accepting and desensitized to euthanasia, making it available to the vulnerable populations that were protected in the initial legislation. Internationally, Canada is becoming recognized as being one of the most liberal countries regarding MAiD legislation and its application*
- *urges all Catholics to reflect deeply on the consequences and dangers of giving individuals the right to take the life of another human being."*

Share your strong voice opposing euthanasia, advanced requests and medical assistance in dying in all circumstances. There is currently an online survey made available through Health Canada, until February 14/25. Health Canada has made available an online survey.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has developed an EPC Guide to answering the online "consultation" on euthanasia to ensure a clear response.

Please reference this guide when completing the survey sharing your strong opposition. The guide provides valuable information that coincides with our Catholic beliefs, and provides suggested responses in order to clearly state your opposition.

A copy is also attached for your reference as made available by provincial service chair, Sue Lubowitz.

Thank you for considering a response to the survey. The deadline is fast approaching.

God bless,

Dorothy Boyer
Diocesan Service Chair