



Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Christian Family Life Communiqué #5
Care for Our Common Home

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Greetings sisters in the League,

On this snowy day I thought I should bring you up to date with the latest on (MAID) Medical Assistance in Dying.

In January I forwarded two emails to you concerning the online consultation regarding MAID.

According to a communiqué from Pat Deppiesse, CWL National Chairperson of Christian Family Life Alex Schadenberg states, "Canadian MAID online consultation questionnaire was a sham and the data is unreliable." There were complaints people were able to complete the questionnaire more than once and some supporters were kicked off the website. The Dept. Of Justice stated 280,000 people completed the questionnaire.

Alex states "Even though the questionnaire was intentionally flawed, we showed the government that a significant number of Canadians oppose expanding the euthanasia law." He tells us he, Amy Hasbrouk and Taylor Hyatt attended a consultation in Ottawa with Justice Minister Lamatti and felt the Justice Minister is intent on expanding euthanasia to people with psychological conditions and those with mental illness.

Today I read an article by Lianne Laurence written February 28, 2020 for Life Site News. In this article she tells us Justice Minister David Lamatti introduced bill C-7 on February 24, 2020 striking down the requirement that a person's "natural death be reasonably foreseeable" to qualify for death by lethal injection. The bill expands euthanasia in Canada.

Ms. Laurence writes the bill is denounced by Campaign Life Coalition, Canadian Physicians for Life, Physicians Alliance against Euthanasia and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops among others.

She further notes Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto urges us to contact our members of Parliament to voice our concerns. He states "It is up to every Canadian to foster a culture of care and love for one another. The answer is not assisted death in its many forms; it is accompanying our family our friends and even strangers to assist them in life, recognizing the inherent dignity of every person."

To read the complete article by Lianne Laurence you can find it through google.

The 2020 National Week for Life and the Family is May 10-17. This year's theme is "Children: the Crowning Glory of Marriage". Check the Catholic Organization for Life and Family web site for resources.

The National March for Life is May 14, 2020 in Ottawa.

Blessings,
Linda Howell