



**Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Legislation Communique #7
*Care for our Common Home***

To: Diocesan Counterparts (**For distribution to all parish councils**)
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Sisters I pray you are all well. We have just celebrated “Christ the King” this past weekend. The Gospel focused on Jesus as our King and judge. This coming weekend we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. We are waiting/preparing for His coming.

Our National Chair of Legislation, Betty Colaneri, has sent out Communique #11. We are continuing to watch the progress of Bill C-7, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying). As the Federal government promised, it is moving this Bill very quickly through Parliament. It has just passed Second Reading in the House of Commons. Betty is requesting that we continue to contact our M.P.'s by either email or letter writing and let them know our concerns. A brief on Bill C-7 was submitted to the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights from the C.C.C.B. On November 9th. Bishops across Canada are urging Catholics to oppose the Bill.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith submitted a letter to the Holy See and this was posted on the Vatican website dated September 22nd 2020. It is entitled “Samaritanus Bonus” (Good Samaritan) on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life. This letter, all 26 pages, is a very long, but very thought provoking read. It speaks on us as Christians being like the Good Samaritan. Betty ends her communique with this “Take action – voice your concerns. The vulnerable are counting on the League.” Please take up your pen/computer and think of the vulnerable! Let us take action and stand up for those who are unable.

