



London Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Legislations Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Theresa Ryan, Legislation Chairperson

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**Directive # 3**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*

We were formed as a league in 1920 for the purpose of having a voice, a Catholic voice to represent our ideals to the government of Canada. It is almost a 100 years later and our voices are still needed, maybe now more than ever. A delegation from our national CWL executive visited the Canadian Parliament last fall. There was an excellent article about their meeting in the Catholic Register. If you missed it, you can read it here.

<http://www.catholicregister.org/item/23768-catholic-women-s-league-brings-concerns-to-federal-officials>

Nancy Simms, Life Member and National Chairperson of Legislation, has initiated an online petition to amend the Canada Health Act to include home care as an insured health service. The national executive asks all members to sign the e-petition, that can be found here:

<https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-673>

The objective of Bill C-277 Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act is to provide “for the development and implementation of a framework designed to guarantee all Canadians access to high-quality palliative care.” This bill has passed second reading and has now been referred to the standing committee on health. I encourage members to write their members of parliament to support this bill.

Bill C-268 Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act is a private member's bill we need to support. Its objective is to amend “the Criminal Code to make it an offence to intimidate a medical or nurse practitioner, pharmacist or any other healthcare professional for the purpose of compelling them to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of medical assistance in dying. It also makes it an offence to dismiss from employment or to refuse to employ a medical or nurse practitioner, pharmacist or any other healthcare professional for the reason only that they refuse to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of medical assistance in dying.”

Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance, then call or write your MP or MPP and tell them how you feel.

Blessings Theresa.....

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