

EUTHANASIA IS AT OUR DOORS IN QUÉBEC... You want to defend human life and dignity? ACT NOW!

On May 22nd, the members of the National Assembly of Québec unanimously reintroduced Bill 52, An Act Respecting End-of-Life, to their agenda. The government also made it known that the final vote on the bill, which will legalize euthanasia in Québec, will take place by the end of the current session of parliament (June 13th). It may even happen this week.

Needless to say, this bill, presented as a bill related to health care at the end of life, is dangerous and undesirable. Why? Because in AIMS AT LEGALIZING EUTHANASIA IN QUÉBEC, by presenting it as "medical aid in dying". Euthanasia being the intentional and direct killing of a person in order to end his or her suffering, adopting this bill would bring about dramatic changes, not only by redefining medicine (since physicians would be practicing euthanasia), but by undermining the essential trust that must exist in a democratic society.

We still have a few days to <u>contact or re-contact our members of the National</u> <u>Assembly to convince them to vote AGAINST Bill 52</u> which would legalize taking the lives of vulnerable people. EVERY DAY COUNTS! ACT IMMEDIATELY.

The grassroots groups, Living with Dignity and Alliance of Physicians Against Euthanasia, which together represent more than 625 doctors and 17,000 citizens of Québec, are encouraging us to act. Read their declaration, follow this <u>link</u>

AS CHRISTIANS, we cannot remain silent when life — and in this case the life of the most vulnerable — is at stake. There is no longer place for indifference, silence, neutrality and partisanship. Justice and solidarity demand that we do everything in our power to protect the inherent dignity of each person, to preserve the common good and to avoid such a societal failure. Let's remember the words of the great statesman Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (www.colf.ca) urges you to contact as soon as possible (meeting, phone call or letter), to intervene in the media (short letters – no more than 400 words –, phone-in radio talk shows, social media), and to fast and pray. Share this email with all your contacts (family members, friends, fellow parishioners, members of movements, etc.).

You will find the contact information for your member of the N.A.: HERE

You will find your electoral division: **HERE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- 1. Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Québec (four clicks: 1 2 3 4)
- 2. Living with Dignity network: blog and Facebook + (three clicks: 1 2 3)
- 3. Alliance of Physicians against Euthanasia: blog
- His Eminence Gérald-Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec (one click)
- 5. The Most Rev. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montréal (two clicks: <u>1</u> <u>2</u>)
- **6.** Catholic Organization for Life and Family (one <u>click</u>)

WRITING TO NEWSPAPERS (don't forget the social media and blogs!):

- 1. Montreal Gazette: letters@montrealgazette.com
- 2. Journal de Montréal: transmission@journalmtl.com
- 3. Journal de Québec: commentaires@journaldequebec.com
- 4. La Presse: <u>debats@lapresse.ca</u>
- 5. Journal La Tribune: redaction@latribune.qc.ca
- 6. Journal Le Devoir: redaction@ledevoir.com

Together, let's build a Culture of Life!

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