



MAKE YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!

Dear parishioners,

A very cordial greeting in the Lord!

You know that the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide concerns me most. On January 31st, the President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Canada, Bishop Richard Gagnon, sent a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other ministers to express the great concern of Canadian bishops following the proposal of expand the law on euthanasia. The letter has also received very positive and favorable feedback across the country.

By removing the criterion of "reasonably foreseeable death", the law would make persons who are nearing the end of their lives admissible and would endanger, among others, people with disabilities. No wonder this proposed expansion has raised much anxiety, anxiety and opposition from disability rights groups and mental health professionals.

Faced with these reactions, the government decided to extend its consultation for a period of four months. The two-week online survey that the federal government used as a consultation mechanism was found to be completely inadequate and inappropriate. In any event, one of the most effective ways of getting our message and our opposition to the law expanded is to write and send petitions to our members of Parliament. To this end, Mr. Larry Worthen, d.p., from Halifax, offers an interesting platform for everyone to communicate with his federal MP, and he offers an online template of letter or petition at:

https://www.coalitionsanteconscience.ca/gouvernement_federal

An English version is also available, as well as several French resources, which you can obtain by contacting Mr. Worthen (lworthen@cmdacanada.org)

It is urgent and very important to make your voice heard. Together, let's act! Thank you for responding to this request! May the Spirit bring us light and wisdom!

+ Noël Simard, Bishop