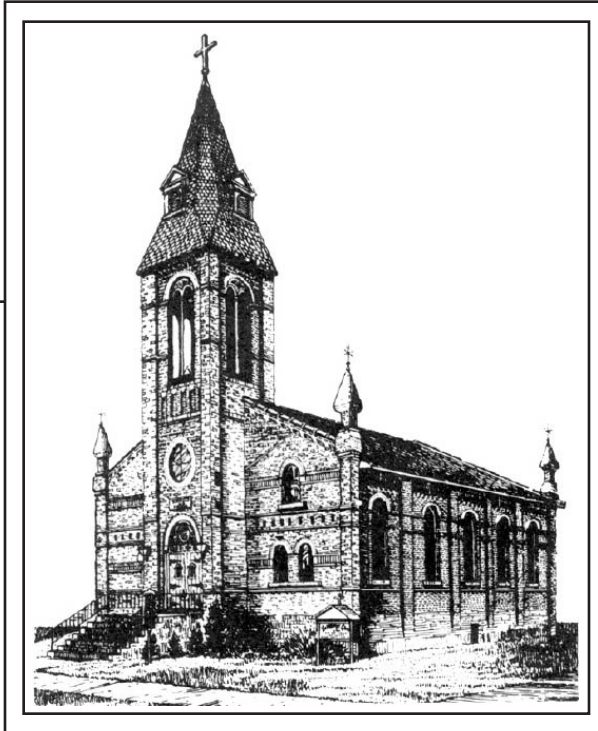


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M.A.I.D. IN CANADA II

I've received several positive comments to my bulletin article of last weekend on M.A.I.D. and our countries slick slope and slide to where we find ourselves now in doctor assisted suicide in Canada. So often it seems no one is taking notice let alone a stand on this human affront to the dignity and sanctity of human life, yet, perhaps things are changing. Maybe people are waking up to this horrendous and ugly encouragement and even promotion of the taking of human life with the assistance of a doctor. And just this week, the *Epoch Times* featured an article entitled, **"Canada's Doctors Coerced into Promoting Euthanasia Call the Practice 'illegal' and 'unethical'"**.

The February 5 article written by Judith Robinson stated that "Over 1,500 of [Canada's](#) publicly funded psychiatrists, pediatricians, medical professors, and general practitioners have joined an organization to fight the government's expansion of medical assistance in dying (MAID). Originally, patients suffering from conditions such as depression, bipolar disorder, personality disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, or any other mental affliction were to gain access to the lethal injection in March 2023. That timeline is likely to be extended to March 2024 after the Liberal government tabled bill c-39 on Feb. 2 to delay implementation.

Some critics argue medical professionals are being pressured to promote MAID because [suicide](#) is cheaper than having to provide care under Canada's publicly funded medical system."

This last statement reminded me of when I had attended a workshop a few years ago presented by a Catholic priest who teaches ethics. In his closing statements he said that in the not-too-distant future governments will see Euthanasia as an economical way of disposing of those who no longer contribute to society when they are not seen as holding any value or purpose, thereby in their deaths is found a potentially high-cost savings rather than to sustain them in living.

The article continues: "A group of 1,502 Canadian [doctors](#), including medical professors and specialists, calling themselves Physicians Together with Vulnerable Canadians publicly expressed their concerns about the situation on their [website](#):

"Medicine ... has been transformed into a technical occupation that allows physicians to deliberately end the lives of their suffering patients. Forced participation in arranging and facilitating euthanasia and assisted suicide is now required by certain regulatory colleges ... patients can no longer unconditionally trust their medical professional to advocate for their life when they are at their weakest and most vulnerable. Suddenly, a lethal injection becomes part of a repertoire of interventions offered to end their pain and suffering."

Dr. Ramona Coelho, a London, Ontario-based family physician and a founding member of PTVC [said](#) in an interview in the Ottawa Citizen:

"Our profession has been coerced into facilitating suicide rather than preventing it, for ever-increasing numbers of citizens. We watch in utter dismay and

horror at how the nature of our medical profession has been so quickly destroyed by the creation of misguided laws."

When Canada passed its first euthanasia law in 2016, the high court ruled that only competent adults suffering from a "grievous and irremediable" medical condition had a right to receive a lethal injection. There were safeguards in place such as a 10-day waiting period to allow the patient time to change their mind and there was an onus on the physician to provide alternative treatments to euthanasia to alleviate pain and suffering—such as government-funded palliative care programs.

In March 2021, [Bill C-7](#) passed and came into immediate effect making it legal for adult and adolescent patients who are not terminally ill to request [medically assisted suicide](#). Under the provisions of Bill C-7, patients can request and receive a lethal injection within the same day without ever having been offered any other treatment options. "MAID (medical assistance in dying) has been deemed an essential service under the Canada Health Act and palliative care has not," the signatory doctors [stated](#) on their website.

Coelho asserted in the Citizen article:

"In an increasing number of reported cases, MAID is taking the place of medical treatment and government assistance for those with social, economic and psychiatric issues ... How can we keep MAID from being used as a tool to absolve governments of their obligation to provide for those living in poverty, with disability, or with [mental illness](#) their equal rights as citizens to health, economic security, and life?"

An article in *The Spectator* asserts that Canadian authorities are encouraging doctors to adopt MAID solely in order to save costs. In an [article](#) titled "Why is Canada Euthanizing its Poor?" the world's oldest weekly magazine recounts the cost-cutting impacts of the regimen.

"The old MAID regime saved \$86.9 million per year—a 'net cost reduction,' in the sterile words of (a Canadian Parliamentary) report. Bill C-7 would create additional net savings of \$62 million per year. Health care, in particular for those suffering from chronic conditions, is expensive; but assisted suicide only costs the taxpayer \$2,327 per 'case.' And, of course, those who have to rely wholly on government-provided Medicare pose a far greater burden on the exchequer than those who have savings or private insurance ... There is already talk of allowing 'mature minors' access to euthanasia too—just think of the lifetime savings."

In March 2023, C-7's full scope will come into effect with the inclusion of mental health conditions. At that point, a Canadian citizen "whose sole underlying [condition](#) is depression, bipolar disorder, personality disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, or any other mental affliction" can request MAID if two medical professionals agree, reports the National Post.

To defend life in all its forms and stages under God who created all things, isn't a Catholic issue but a human one. Of all the issues of our time demanding our attention, there is none more basic and urgent in its defending than that of human life. (*Fr. Charles*)



MASS
SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday Feb 14
8:30am +Hanna Murray
Requested by Ken Wright

Wednesday Feb 15
7:00pm Special Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Thursday Feb 16
8:30am Special Intentions

Friday Feb 17
7:30am Holy Hour
8:30am Unannounced Mass

Saturday Feb 18
4:30pm + Allan Mattacott
Requested by Pat Chalmers

Sunday Feb 19
9:00am For the People

11:00am +Greg Pieszchala
Requested by the Family

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Gwen Collard, Janine Wright, Fr. Peter Conlin, Emilie Gosselin,
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Pray for those who have died recently

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CWL



The CWL is collecting prayers for Spiritual Bouquets for the Ordinandi of the Archdiocese of Toronto for 2023. A spiritual bouquet is a collection of all the Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adorations, Visits to The Blessed Sacrament, Sacrifices, Prayers, Communion, Masses or other types of prayers that anyone would like to offer up. There is no monetary contribution, just prayers. Tables will be set up in the parish hall after all the masses on the weekends of Feb. 4th and Feb. 11th for your submissions. You can also email caroljohns@gmail.com with your prayers. The cut-off date for submissions is Feb. 23, 2023. Thank you in advance

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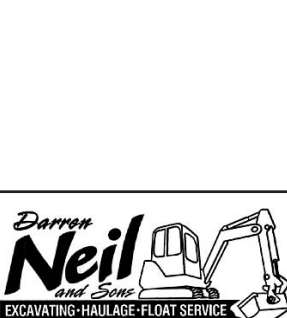

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