



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

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WINNIPEG, Manitoba—February 6, 2015—The Catholic Women's League of Canada, with over 85,000 members across the country, is deeply saddened and disappointed by this morning's Supreme Court of Canada's unanimous ruling to strike down the Canadian ban on physician-assisted suicide. This ruling will allow Canadian adults who are mentally competent and suffering intolerably to seek a doctor's help in taking their own lives.

The League, comprised of eleven provincial councils across the country including the Military Ordinariate, is united in protecting the sanctity of human life and its respect for natural death. In 2014, the League reaffirmed its position paper on euthanasia and assisted suicide that outlines the League's opposition to any deliberate killing of another human being, including killing by way of euthanasia or assisted suicide, or killing out of a spirit of compassion when someone's condition is judged to be terminal or lacking in quality of life.

Each member of society is unique, including the underprivileged, disabled, sick or infirm whose dignity needs to be honoured, respected and protected. The League will continue to urge for the adequate training of health care professionals in pain management and support those in the health care profession who offer compassionate and competent palliative care services for the dying, their families and their friends. The formation of palliative care teams in all communities across Canada is something for which the League will continue to strive.

League sisters are encouraged to discuss more compassionate options with their loved ones, educate themselves and others about euthanasia and assisted suicide, and pray for those Canadians who are suffering and in the position of considering taking their own lives.

We encourage you to read the League's [position paper on euthanasia and assisted suicide](#). You can also view the League's [call for a national palliative care strategy](#).

For more information, please visit: <http://www.cwl.ca/>

About the Catholic Women's League of Canada

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, founded in 1920, is one of the largest organizations of women in Canada with in excess of 85,000 members represented in every province and territory and the military. The League is organized and pledged to serve all citizens and has often received the commendation and a keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.