

The Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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To: Parish Christian Family Life Chairpersons

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One Heart, One Voice, One Mission – Protect me, O Lord, for in you I take refuge.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Assisted suicide Bill 225 was introduced December 4th, 2014 to the Canadian Senate. Members are encouraged to write, sign petitions and to be aware of what is happening with this Bill.

A lecture by – Margaret Somerville was given to The Toronto Diocesan members

“ARE ONE'S RELIGIOUS BELIEFS THE ONLY REASON TO BE ANTI-EUTHANASIA?”

Topics discussed are available on the Ontario Provincial CWL Website. (permission to share given). An excellent presentation.

FAMILY LIFE

During 2015, the World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia in September and the General Synod of the Bishops on the Family will meet in October in Rome. Throughout the year, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) will continue to post possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. For further information please check out the CCCB website.

The following websites have excellent resources to assist families -

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family has a list of brochures that are available dealing with subjects such as the unborn child, euthanasia, assisted suicide and anything to do with families. These publications can be obtained online or by phoning (613) 241-9461. Here is a partial list of updated brochures from COLF:

High-Tech Babies Exploring New Challenges to Human Dignity
Stem Cells: Astonishing Promises...But At What Cost?
Towards a True Sexual Liberation
Marriage in the Catholic Church- Frequently Asked Questions
Families, Where are the Saints of the New Millennium

World Peace: A Family Recipe!
The Christian Family: Good News for the World
Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide- Urgent Questions!

Pope Francis stated for the Year of Consecrated life

“Look at the past with gratitude

Live the present with passion

Move into the future with hope

Find creative ways to proclaim the gospel with “joy”

Let us not forget the Widowed, Divorced, and Separated.

Throughout the coming year, if you are aware of a family member, a friend or a stranger who is widowed , divorced or separated please let them know there are programs in your church community that can assist. How welcoming are we!

- (a) New Beginnings: the program/group helps to make that painful journey that seems there is no hope, to a New Beginning.
- (b) Let us all be compassionate, let our neighbours know we care Make Christ a reality in our homes: Choose the values that are not necessarily of the world. Let us choose: - forgiveness, compassion, family prayer, family communication and love.
- (c) Speak with love, reverence and friendship about the priests and religious, let us stop the criticism

Let each one of us become contagious with joy and hope!
May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and protect each of us as we journey
together as women with One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

Respectively submitted