

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

Christian Family Life

Care for our Common Home

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Attachments: Covid 19 vaccine letter from CCCB

Psalm 23:1-3 ~ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

The attached letter states, "On one hand, the wide uptake of vaccines is essential to protect citizens from the transmission of disease. On the other, a vaccine produced using abortion-derived cell lines raises conscience concerns for anyone who might be offered that vaccine and is aware of its lineage. This dilemma will emerge if there are no alternatives to vaccines developed with the use of human fetal cell lines obtained from elective abortions."

Yes, a vaccine is urgently needed; however, it can be created using other means to ensure it does not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians. Please consider writing as private citizens to the prime minister and minister of health in support of Canadian bishops and to express their personal thoughts.

Sanctity of Life and Dignity of All Peoples

While the pandemic rages, organizations are fighting to maintain abortion as an essential service. We must speak up for the Sanctity of Life at every opportunity. Consider sending a letter to Christine Elliott, Ontario Minster of Health, christine.elliott@pc.ola.org.

Pandemic Isolation and Mental Health Challenges

Have you found many are suffering with loneliness and depression during this time of isolation? Please encourage those you know struggling with isolation to use the site with or without the free telephone counseling sessions which assist in working through the available self-help workbook. Resources are available at https://bouncebackontario.ca/. If there is an immediate mental health crisis contact ConnexOntario 1-888-531-2600 or your local crisis line.

Respectfully submitted.

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