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CC: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Recording Secretary

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40*

This directive is a plea for Presidents to make their members aware of the current discussions going on in Ottawa. As a member of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, I recently learned of this from the Executive Director of EPC, Alex Schadenberg.

On September 7th Dr. Louis Roy of the Quebec College of Physicians made a presentation to The Special Joint Committee on MAiD, urging the federal government to adopt a Netherlands Groningen-style Protocol to permit infant euthanasia. The 'GP' as it is known was developed there to regulate the practice of neonatal euthanasia. An examination of the criteria used by the Protocol to justify the euthanasia of seriously ill neonates reveals the criteria are not based on firm moral principles. (*American College of Pediatricians – February 2014*) Dr. Roy suggested this should only be allowed in rare circumstances such as a newborn who is unlikely to survive but infant euthanasia opens the door to a new justification for killing since the baby lacks competence and the ability to autonomously choose to be killed. Infant euthanasia is a form of eugenics whereby protocols will determine which lives are worth living.

Euthanasia was sold to Canadians under the guise of competent adults freely choosing to have their lives ended based on terminal illness or unremittent suffering. Bill C-7, that was passed in March 2021, among other things, extended the reason for killing from terminal illness to chronic illness or disability.

If infant euthanasia is approved it may lead to the approval of euthanasia for people with dementia who never requested or indicated an interest in euthanasia since infant euthanasia creates the precedent that someone else, such as a power of attorney, can request that a person be killed.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition opposes all forms of euthanasia and assisted suicide, nonetheless, it is clear that expanding killing to babies negates the "safeguard" that only people who can capably request to die can be approved for death.

Members are encouraged to write or email their M.P.s, the Justice Minister and the P.M. expressing strong opposition to the suggestion. EPC has free postcards for anyone wanting to send a message to their MP: call EPC Canada at **1-877-439-3348**. The postcards are free but a donation would be welcomed. Why not distribute them in your parish?

Respectfully submitted