



June 15, 2009

Dear Pastors,

This letter comes to you on a grave and urgent matter that affects us all.

On May 13, 2009 MP Francine Lalonde, Bloc Quebecois, introduced her private member's Bill C-384, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (right to die with dignity), to legalize Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide in Canada.

As Catholic Christians and citizens of this country we need to become informed about this Bill, what its implications are for us all, and what we can do to voice our opposition to it.

I ask you to insert in your parish bulletins for the weekend of June 20-21 the attachments to this letter (double-sided):

- Bill C-384
- Legalized Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: What Would It Mean For You?
- Stop Bill C-384
- "Caring NOT Killing" leaflet (copyrighted, printed with permission. A donation to the Archdiocese to cover the costs would be appreciated. To order more leaflets in future, contact Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, toll-free 1-877-439-3348. Cost: \$15/100.)

Please invite your parishioners to contact their MP by phone, a personal letter or a face-to-face conversation. Summer is a very good time to do this. Personal contact is most effective. To find your MP's name/address, call: toll-free 1-866-599-4999 or Google: "Members of Parliament of Canada Postal Code".

Thank you for your cooperation in this serious matter.

Yours in Christ,

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