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In my first communique I want to focus on the issue of Euthanasia. With Bill 52 coming up for a vote shortly in Quebec, and now the media reports on the death of Dr. Donald Low and his video in support of assisted suicide, we need to make our voices heard. Several areas are available to us.

The first one comes from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC), supported by our national chairperson for Christian Family Life, Margaret Ann J. [Watch EPC's newsletter for online media polls and respond appropriately the day they are announced, as the poll usually expires that day.] If you don't already receive the newsletter from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and would like to, go to <www.epcc.ca>.

Although the federal government has stated that they will not be changing the law to legalize euthanasia, you may have seen the recent interview on the program West Block where MP the Hon. Steven Fletcher has stated he is in favor of assisted-suicide and intends to bring forth the issue in parliament. It is time to again write to our MPs stating our position. Besides the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice, Peter MacKay, I suggest you write to Mr. Fletcher, the MP from Manitoba, to state your views. He stated in the interview that he can appreciate opposition to this on moral and religious grounds but still feels an individual has the right to choose.

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family have a number of brochures on Euthanasia that can be ordered as well as other valuable information on family that is a great help in our committee work. The website is <www.colf.ca> or e-mail the director at <mboulva@colf.ca>.

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