

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**



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**Communique #2**

*One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*

TO: Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life  
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)  
CC: National Chairperson of Christian Family Life (for information)  
  
FROM: Gladys B., Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life  
ATTN: Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons

Dear Sisters in the League:

**“BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER”**

**Vocations**

With Fall approaching, schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries will be opening for another year of studies. As always, young men are needed to become priests in all Dioceses. Prayers for vocations should be encouraged by all of us. This coming Fall, the CWL's "Adopt-a-Seminarian" program continues in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. This means that any council may adopt a seminarian by supporting him with prayers, financial assistance, words of encouragement, faith, hope, and love, by way of sending him a card. More information will follow or you may contact St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta [stjoseph-seminary@shaw.ca](mailto:stjoseph-seminary@shaw.ca)

**Family Life**

The Federal Government has prepared a new program titled "Prime Minister's Youth Council." This council will advise the Prime Minister on national issues such as employment, access to education, building stronger communities, climate

change, and clean growth. This council will meet several times a year and gather in cities across Canada. This program is open to young people between the ages of sixteen to twenty-four years who can bring a range of knowledge and experience to the table. This will give the young people an opportunity to interact with each other outside of meetings to discuss ideas of how changes can be made in Canada and abroad. The chosen will sit on the council for a mandate of up to two years. For more information you may visit: [www.canada.ca/en/campaign/primeministers-youth-council.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/primeministers-youth-council.html).

### **Sanctity of Life**

Canada's Senate passed Bill C-14, the Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Bill on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. There were some controversial issues that were dealt with and one was that a medical or nurse practitioner could approve a lethal injection if the person met the requirement that, "*natural death must be reasonably foreseeable.*" Bill C-14 allows anyone to cause death by euthanasia or assisted suicide. Once the two medical or nurse practitioners approve the death by lethal means, the Bill allows anyone to do the act. Bill C-14 is the most wide-open Bill in the world. It is even worse than the Belgian Law. Recent studies from Belgium indicate that more than 1000 assisted deaths occur without request each year.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will continue to resist the cultural acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Wesley J. Smith has released an excellent defense of traditional ethics in *Culture of Death: The Age of "Do Harm: Medicine."* Wesley Smith feels that there is less respect for human equality and the sanctity of life in healthcare. The cost of the book is \$35.00 and may be purchased through EPC.

### **Ministry for Seniors**

The Alberta Government has recently filled the Seniors Advocate position with a permanent person rather than a temporary person. We have not yet received any information as to whether the position is independent as we requested.

We, the Alberta Mackenzie Council, are asking all members to follow up with their individual MLAs, asking them what is happening re: CWL request for an Independent Seniors' Advocate. We need to have a concentrated follow up on our request in order to have the government move on this very important issue.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and bless our efforts.

Sister in the League,

Gladys B.

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