

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



**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**  
**Communiqué 4**

*Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call*

Date: February 1, 2017  
To: Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life  
CC: Parish Council Chairpersons of Christian Family Life, Provincial Executive,  
National Chairperson of Christian Family Life  
From: Gladys Brown, Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life

**EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**

With much hurt and disagreement, among the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, in the province of Alberta, the Alberta government has given ***Nurse Practitioners*** the approval to provide medical assistance in dying. It appears the government has done research about the nurse practitioners and decided that nurse practitioners are able to perform this duty. Nurse practitioners are registered nurses, with graduate education who can order and interpret screening and diagnostic tests, perform procedures and prescribe medications and therapeutic interventions. There are 450 nurse practitioners in Alberta. The regulations were developed in collaborations with Alberta Health Services, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and the Alberta College of Pharmacists. In the province of Alberta in 2016, there were 60 people who had requested assisted and were granted this wish. Twenty-eight others had requested assisted suicide but did not meet the criteria. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Global Television Network and parent company, Corus Entertainment have released a six-part television series, **Mary Kills People**. The series promotes assisted suicide. Letters should be written to Global with our views of this issue and that this program should not be aired. Some type of action **MUST BE TAKEN** soon.

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will be in the Edmonton area to give a presentation on "***Euthanasia Deception Public Screening***". The first presentation will be at Holy Trinity Parish in Parkland County on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the second at St. Charles Parish in Edmonton and in Red Deer on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. As for the location in Red Deer, please contact your parish for more information. An individual may sign up for a membership and the fee is \$25.00 per year.

**VOCATIONS**

Prayers are encouraged to continue for the seminarians attending St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton. Members need to pray openly for their children/grandchildren to accept God's call.

**FAMILY LIFE**

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Oil Kings, of the Western Hockey League will be hosting the Regina Pats hockey team at Rogers' Place. It is not every day you get the chance to see Archbishop Richard Smith drop the puck at centre ice therefore if possible make the attempt to attend the game, meet other Catholic families and make it an enjoyable evening. Ticket prices have been reduced to accommodate families.

Love is patience. Love is king. Let us love one another as God has loved us.

Blessings

Gladys B.

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