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## CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MADAME CHAIR

SISTERS OF LIFE

In a phone conversation earlier this month, the Toronto convent of the Sisters of Life representative stated that at the present time there are no immediate plans to bring their program to Alberta. There has been no follow-up on the workshop held in Edmonton in October 2014

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program

- Prayer and fasting
- Prayer vigil
- Community outreach

In Alberta they are located in Edmonton and Calgary and these areas hold their campaigns usually during Advent and Lent.

The prayer and fasting component is pretty self explanatory.

The prayer vigil component is a prayer vigil outside a place where children are aborted. The hope is that the vigil can be maintained 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but shorter vigils are effective as well.

The community outreach is done during the 40 Days for Life campaign when the pro-life message is proactively taken to the community through a focused, grassroots education effort. This

includes a door-to-door petition and education drive, and information flyers to raise awareness. This outreach can include church involvement, media contact and campus outreach. People are invited to be involved in any or all of the above areas.

## EUTHANASIA

With the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling on assisted suicide it is important that we stay in contact with our MPs to make them aware of our concerns. We also need to remain aware of the progress of any legislation about this. Please continue to write/e-mail, call, and/or visit your MP.

There is a huge amount of information on this issue on the internet. A major source is the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (Alex Schadenberg) <[www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)>. This site has articles by Alex S., the Executive Director and International Chair. There are also links to the site for Opposing the Supreme Court of Canada Assisted Suicide Decision and a site for Critique of Senate Bill 225.

You can also check out their newsletters. The May 2015 issue includes an interesting article by the new president of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition who was a founding member of the organization. She provides lots of reasons that can be used in our letter-writing campaign, including asking the government to give opponents time to provide research against assisted suicide, and on the positive side to promote support for more hospice palliative care. Remember this will happen in hospitals and long term care facilities so it comes under health which makes it a provincial concern as well, so again, talk to your MLA as well as your MP.

Please check my table for the various websites available.

This concludes my report  
*Shirley H.*

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