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## **ABOUT BILL C-384: AN ATTEMPT TO LEGALIZE EUTHANASIA IN CANADA**

Despite the summer months, many dioceses, groups, organizations and individuals have been busily working on defeating Bill C-384 – the bill that would legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada.

Priests for Life Canada wants to thank and commend all those who have already been actively involved this summer through letter writing, visits to Members of Parliament and helping to educate others about this bill.

Given the political landscape of the country, now is the time for us to renew our efforts to defeat this bill and continue to protect the elderly, terminally ill, and handicapped in our society today. Priests for Life Canada is inviting all its members and all Catholic Parishes throughout Canada to join the efforts of the

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and work to defeat this piece of legislation.

Bill C-384 will have its first hour of debate in the House of Commons on September 29th during Private Members debate. It is important that you speak to your Member of Parliament (MP) beforehand and make known your opposition and concern about this bill.

Following the first hour of debate, the bill will then be debated for a second hour. It is anticipated that this second hour of debate will occur in mid-November. This will be a critical moment as there will be a vote following the debate. If enough M.P.s vote against Bill C-384, the bill is defeated and dies on the order paper. We want to see this bill defeated at second reading otherwise it goes to the Justice Committee for further study and eventually third reading, further debate, and a final vote.

### **HOW TO HELP DEFEAT EUTHANASIA BILL C-384**

- Read the back side of this insert "Legalized Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: What Would It Mean for You?" prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family. Learn more about Bill C-384 and why it must be defeated.
- Share this insert with your Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, prayer groups, as well as with your family and friends. Help them be informed of the issue.
- Ask your parish priest to include this insert in your bulletin in the upcoming weeks to alert parishioners about the issue.
- Contact your own Member of Parliament (MP). Arrange to meet him / her when he / she is in the riding next and share your concerns about Bill C-384. Ask him / her how they intend to vote on the bill. Sample letters are available online at the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.
- Request a package of information about Bill C-384 and what you can do to defeat it from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. A complete analysis of the bill is also available online.
- Encourage your parish priest to participate in the national postcard campaign. Postcards can be purchased from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and be used at Sunday Mass or during a CWL or Knights of Columbus meeting.
- Stay informed on the issue. Visit the following websites regularly for additional information about Bill C-384 and the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide:

#### **What Our Faith Says:**

"Intentional euthanasia, whatever its form or motives, is **murder**. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator." - *Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 2324.*

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#### **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition**

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#### **See Bill C-384 online at:**

[www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Docid=3895681&file=4](http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Docid=3895681&file=4)

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