

Always on top of mind Medical Aid In Dying

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) is a controversial procedure that has been permitted by the Supreme Court of Canada and Parliament. Some caregivers believe that it is morally acceptable to end the life of a patient upon request while others do not. Some go further and believe that all caregivers must help willing patients to end their lives prematurely. For example, the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSO) requires that conscientiously objecting physicians refer patients for MAID. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience represents more than 110 healthcare facilities (with almost 18,000 care beds and 60,000 staff) and more than 5,000 physicians across Canada. Our members come from diverse perspectives, but all agree that taking a patient's life or referring for this procedure violates at least one of the following: • The Hippocratic Oath; • Our religious convictions; • Our mission and values; • Our professional ethics; • Our creed; or, • Our deeply held conviction that healthcare should heal people, not hasten death. Our position is supported by Evangelical Christian, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Jewish theologians and moral authorities.

To find out more, please visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca

Last month, Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, wrote another letter regarding MAID. Here are some excerpts:

As our legislators and country consider the legislation presented this week in Parliament, we should be mindful of the following:

- In 2016, the government indicated that before any new legislation would be introduced, there would be a thorough five-year review of the impact of euthanasia in Canada – no such review has taken place.
- Where is the political will to push forward on palliative care for all Canadians? Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care even though we know that pain and loneliness are among the biggest fears of those who are suffering. Palliative care can address these issues.
- Under the proposed legislation, disabled Canadians with no terminal illness will now be eligible for lethal injection.

I invite all Canadians concerned about this legislation to contact their Member of Parliament to voice their concerns. We should also take time to be truly present to those who may feel that they are on the margins in our community. Those who feel that their life no longer has value must be assured by all of us that this is absolutely not the case – there is dignity within each human life, not just when we are young, healthy and able, but even more so, when we are fragile and vulnerable.

It is up to every Canadian to foster a culture of care and love for one another.

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Your pastors are available by appointment, Tuesday to Friday.

Heures de bureau – Office Hours

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| Fermé de midi à 13h | Closed noon to 1 pm |
| Lundi – Monday | FERMÉ - CLOSED |
| Mardi – Tuesday | 9 h à 16 h 30 – 9 am to 4 :30 pm |
| Mercredi – Wednesday | 9 h à 16 h 30 – 9 am to 4 :30 pm |
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Messes de la semaine Weekly Masses

Lundi – Heure de prière 9h à 10h
Mardi : 9 h 30 / 10 h 30 Belle Rivière à tous les 2^e mardi / 10 h 30 St-Paul à tous les 3^e mardi
Mercredi : 10 h 30 Foyer Pionniers
Jeudi : 9 h 30
Vendredi : 9 h 30 + adoration 10 h
Samedi : 19 h 15
Dimanche : 10 h 00
Sunday: 11:15 a.m. 1st/3rd Sunday

Baptême : avertir au presbytère aussitôt après la naissance. Le baptême se célèbre habituellement le dimanche. D'autres temps sont cependant possibles.

Baptisms: please notify us as soon as possible after birth. Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday, but other arrangements can be made.

Mariage : afin d'assurer la préparation, venez rencontrer le prêtre six mois avant votre mariage.

Weddings: to allow for preparation, please meet the priest at least six months before your wedding.

Sacrement du pardon : au presbytère en tout temps. Célébrations communautaires aux temps forts.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: at the rectory or weekdays before masses. Community celebration for Lent and Advent.

Sacrement des malades : pour les malades à domicile, n'hésitez pas à appeler le prêtre.

Sacrament of the Sick: if someone is sick at home, do not hesitate to call the priest.

Bienvenue aux nouveaux paroissiens. Nous vous invitons à vous enregistrer en remplissant ce formulaire que vous déposerez dans le panier de la collecte. Nous vous encourageons à utiliser les enveloppes d'offrandes. Si vous désirez une boîte d'enveloppes, adressez-vous au presbytère.

Welcome to new parishioners. You are invited to register. We encourage you to use the Sunday envelopes that are available at the rectory for your church offerings. Please complete this form and drop it off in the collection basket at your convenience.

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