



London Diocesan Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



To: All Parish Presidents, Legislations Chairpersons

CC: London Diocesan Council

From: Theresa Ryan, Legislation Chairperson

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When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan. Prov. 29:2

Canadian Job Grant Policy Excludes Many Religious Groups

I am tired of Prime Minister Trudeau pushing his agenda of abortion down our throats. His latest attempt at doing so is through the Canada Student Job grants program. All that apply for these grants must check off an "attestation" that requires applicants to agree with his federal Liberal party's policy on abortion.

First Trudeau refuses to allow anyone who doesn't sign on to his pro-abortion agenda to be a candidate in his party. It appears he is using the same approach with government programs. This affects all Canadians.

I urge you to write, email or phone your M.P. and Prime Minister Trudeau and demand that they remove this discriminatory clause and respect our Charter value of religious freedom and equality.

Doctor's Conscientious Objection to Medically Assistance In Dying

By now you hopefully have heard of the campaign regarding the conscience of doctor's being respected re M.A.I.D. The goal is to have 100,000 people participate across the province. This is being supported not only by the Catholic church but also 25 Anglican parishes, 100 Evangelic churches and possibly by the Jewish community. Emails and postal codes will be collected and entered in a database and then a letter will be sent regarding the concern of the conscience and palliative care issue to 3 MPP candidates in each riding running for the 2018 election. A letter will go out from the Bishop to each parish. ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND PAPER COPIES WILL BE SHREDDED ONCE ADDED TO THE DATABASE. A sample letter will also be available for parishioners to send if they do not have email. This campaign is to take place across the province Feb 4th to 11th.

I urge you to help make sure this petition is successful, by helping out at your parish.

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For Your Information:

The following private members' bills (current status) were brought to our attention by National Legislation Chairperson Nancy Simms. Read up on one or more and contact your MP with your concerns.

Bill C-254 An Act to amend the *Excise Tax Act* (baby products) is in first reading in the House of Commons. Members are asked to contact government officials to request support for the bill especially with adoption of **Resolution 2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the *Excise Tax Act* for Child Safety Products**.

Bill C-282 An Act to amend the *Excise Tax Act* and the *Income Tax Act* (extra-energy-efficient products); **Bill C-283 An Act to amend the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*** (electronic products recycling program); and **Bill C-287 An Act to amend the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*** (nanotechnology) are all in first reading in the House of Commons and support **Resolution 2006.04 Renewable Energy** and other League resolutions seeking to protect the environment.

Bill C-313 National Strategy on Advertising to Children Act is in first reading and supports communications resolutions seeking protection in media for children and families.

Bill C-249 An Act to amend the *Public Health Agency of Canada Act* (National Alzheimer Office) is in first reading in the House of Commons and proposes the establishment of a national Alzheimer Office within the Public Health Agency of Canada. This would support the League's ongoing call for compassionate care for the sick.