

## Spring Billboard Campaign

Our regular and special billboard campaigns ensure that every month, life-affirming and hopeful messages like this one can be seen in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and throughout the Niagara region. We thank you, our supporters, for your generosity which makes this outreach possible throughout the year.



## Euthanasia Deaths Climb

The number of Canadians dying by euthanasia continues to climb. Last year in Ontario, there were 2,378 medically assisted deaths (MAID), a 33% increase over 2019. By the end of 2020, a total of 6,696 citizens of Ontario died by MAID since it was legalized in June 2016. Only two cases were assisted suicide (self-administered.) The rest were euthanasia (administered by clinician.) The youngest person to receive MAID was 20 years old.

Statistics for all of Canada are available only to the end of 2019 and report a total of 13,946 MAID deaths with numbers climbing every year. The total number of cases in Niagara from legalization to the end of 2020 was 182.



**BILL C-7 NOW  
AWAITS  
APPROVAL BY  
CANADIAN  
SENATE**

Decision Deferred to  
Mid-February 2021

## Bill C-7 Passes in Parliament

The euthanasia expansion Bill C-7 passed in the House of Commons by a vote of 213 to 106 on December 10, 2020. It now is being reviewed by Canadian senators who will vote on it before the February 26 deadline set to pass the legislation. Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Alex Schadenberg warns that the passage of Bill C-7 will move Canada toward becoming the most permissive euthanasia regime in the world. For further updates, follow Alex's blog on the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition website: [epcc.ca](http://epcc.ca)

*Contact your senators to say no to Bill C-7*  
[sencanada.ca](http://sencanada.ca) for contact information



Just some of the diapers, wipes and baby items donated to Choose Life Niagara's first diaper drive and distributed to centres serving women facing unplanned pregnancies.

## Maid 2 Mad

Doctors worried about Bill C-7 are adding their names to the *Physicians Together with Vulnerable Canadians Statement*. Over 1,200 physicians across the country have signed so far. Doctors don't want to be coerced into killing their patients, and even of more concern to them, is the removal of safeguards that will put vulnerable patients at risk of losing their lives. The voices of doctors are needed and can make an impact to help stop the expansion of euthanasia. We urge physicians to sign the statement at [maid2mad.ca](http://maid2mad.ca)

*"This bill creates the conditions for cheap and easy death through euthanasia or assisted suicide. This is not the medicine that we have devoted our lives to practicing. Our intent is to heal and to alleviate suffering, not to deliberately end life."*

From the [Physicians Together With Vulnerable Canadians Statement](http://Physicians Together With Vulnerable Canadians Statement)

## President's Message



A New Year is upon us and it will be filled with many blessings and challenges. At Choose Life Niagara, we've been amazed by the overwhelming generosity of our supporters throughout this past year and for our annual Christmas Appeal. In a year where so many have faced financial hardship, it is beautiful to see that the pro-life convictions of our community remain a

top priority. We must strengthen our convictions if we are to continue resisting laws and policies that threaten human life.

Since the legalization of euthanasia in 2016, more than 14,000 Canadians have chosen to end their lives by this means. Our country has failed miserably in respecting the inviolable dignity of the human person. Bill C-7, which is awaiting approval by the senate, removes the "reasonable death" requirement, makes same-day death on demand a possibility, reduces the number of witnesses necessary to approve a request for euthanasia, and allows for advanced requests.

Since we will be unable to gather for our Annual General Membership Meeting and Dinner, we have decided to hold an online meeting. Members of Choose Life Niagara are invited to register soon, and attend this meeting on March 6th 2021.

Yours in life,

Amanda Hendriks 

## Ending Down Syndrome Bias



When expectant parents receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, they are often told only about the challenges, but not presented with information about the resources available to them or the joys of raising a Down syndrome child. Bill 225, *Harvey and Gurvir's Law*, introduced by Brampton Centre MPP Sara Singh, hopes to change that in Ontario by requiring up-to-date information relating to Down syndrome be made available to parents. The bill also calls for a waiting period before treatment or testing can be recommended.

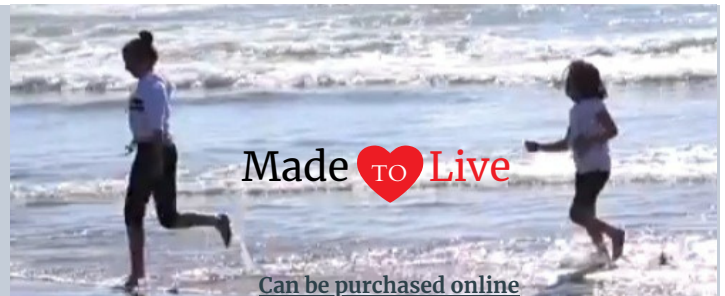
On her website, which has a [petition](#) in support of Bill 225, MPP Sara Singh says persons with Down syndrome face discrimination that often begins with the prenatal diagnosis, when families are provided outdated, incorrect or biased information based on antiquated models of disability. If passed, *Harvey and Gurvir's Law* will help end biases against Down syndrome pregnancy.

## Made to Live

*Book Review by Subdeacon Douglas Martin*

*Made to Live* by Dr. Paul Saba reveals, in shocking and terrifying detail, how the government is using the health care system to medically administer death in Canada. And whether you like it or not, it affects you and everyone in your family – even children. Dr. Saba has spent countless hours and more than \$150,000 of personal funds fighting the federal laws of Canada and the provincial laws of Quebec, where he practices medicine in Montreal. His main target – MAiD – the oxymoronic Medical Assistance in Dying law.

"The reality is that deliberately taking a human life remains killing no matter who commits it," says Dr. Saba. "Euthanasia is the opposite of medicine. Doctors are not trained, and very few enter the profession, to intentionally kill. As a doctor, husband, father, and Christian, I do not believe we were made to kill or



be killed," adds Dr. Saba. "We were, I firmly believe, made to live."

*Made to Live* is a highly acclaimed, timely and relevant resource that delves into the realities and myths about euthanasia and assisted suicide supported by scholarly research and numerous anecdotes and statistics. Dr. Saba provides valuable insight into the ways government uses sinister tactics that could make you choose to be euthanized. Arm yourself and read *Made to Live*.