



An opportunity to speak for the voiceless

MPs across Canada have been receiving pink envelopes with messages urging them to vote for MP Cathay Wagantall's Private Member's Bill C-233 to end sex-selective abortion in Canada. Each empty pink envelope represents the life of a pre-born baby girl who lost her life because Canada allows sex-selective abortion.

We can help support the bill by joining the **Pink Envelope campaign**, initiated by We Need a Law. Write a simple message on the back of a pink envelope. For e.g. "This envelope is empty to represent a girl whose life was taken because Canada allows sex-selective abortion. Please support Bill C-233 to end this discriminatory practice in Canada." Then send it to your own MP. Send as many pink envelopes to as many other MP's as you can (postage is free to the House of Commons) addressing them to:

MP Name
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

The vote on Bill C-233 is expected before the end of May, so please act quickly.


*What a great lockdown activity for family and friends!
For more info, email info@chooselife.ca.*

President's Message

We've just celebrated Mother's Day and I would like to thank all mothers for your witness to Life through your acts of courage, devotion and selflessness. I pray that new mothers in our community who are struggling in crisis pregnancy situations find the love, support and care they need to Choose Life.



As members of the pro-life community we can sometimes feel a little lost as to how to fight the good fight. A small but powerful opportunity awaits us if we take a moment to participate in the Pink Envelope Campaign to support Bill C-233 which seeks to end the deplorable practice of sex-elective abortion. Canada needs a pro-life win and we can be part of it! Let's continue to provoke the consciences of our MPs to do what they know is right. Unfortunately, all of our major party leaders have said that they will vote against Bill C-233. They need to be reminded that perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18) and that they have a duty to *let life win*.

Yours in life,
Amanda Hendriks 

Abortions Increasing in Ontario

Ontario abortion rates are going up, as reported by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. There were 46,189 abortions in the province in a one-year period from 2019 to 2020, up 7.8% from two years earlier. From 2014 to 2017, the number of abortions had been in a downward trend, but since 2017, the numbers have been going back up, surpassing 2014 numbers, likely due to the abortion pill which became legal in 2017.



One of our billboards is capturing attention as it pops up throughout the region this spring.

Bill C-7 Passes into Law

In just five short years of euthanasia becoming legal in Canada, it has been expanded with the passing of Bill C-7 on March 17, 2021. Bill C-7 removes several safeguards including:

- Those who are not dying can now be euthanized but have to wait 90 days before being killed.
- The waiting period for those approaching death has been removed, allowing euthanasia the same day they request it.
- An amendment by the Senate allows those with mental illness, such as depression, to access medical assistance in dying (MAiD), beginning in 2023.

The National Post, in writing about this, said: *"Instead of using our resources to increase health-care personnel, improve our quality of care, enhance our palliative care options and ensure quicker access to psychiatric care, our federal government seems more interested in fast-tracking death on demand and dismantling the MAiD safeguards that were put in place to protect the vulnerable.....The message that C-7 sends to those with chronic illnesses or disabilities is that their lives are not worth living and that they would be better off dead."*

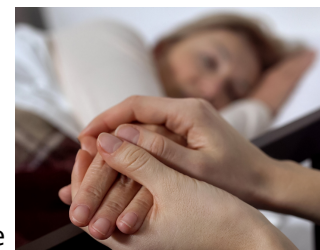
Since euthanasia was legalized in 2016, there has been a steady year over year growth in the number of cases. In 2019, MAiD accounted for 2.0% of all deaths. The total of MAiD cases reported in Canada since 2016 is 13,946. This number will only continue to climb under Bill C-7. More information can be found on ChooseLife.ca under the Resources tab.

Laura Sebert



Protection of Freedom of Conscience

The passage of Bill C-7 that widely expands euthanasia in Canada makes it even more imperative that medical practitioners be protected from being coerced into participating in MAiD, either directly or through referrals. Bill C-268, *The Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act*, was introduced by MP Kelly Block in the House of Commons February 18, 2021 to protect the conscience rights of medical professionals. First hour of debate in the House of Commons is scheduled for May 27. The bill would make it a punishable offense to use violence, threats, coercion, or intimidation in order to force a medical professional to take part in or refer a patient for medical assistance in dying or assisted suicide. It also prohibits firing or refusing to hire someone because they won't take part in MAiD.



The Physicians Alliance Against Euthanasia has reported bullying and intense pressure on many doctors to participate in euthanasia. These tactics have compromised patient care and have resulted in good doctors leaving their profession.

"If Bill C-268 passes, patients will be able to trust that their doctor is pursuing treatments that will help them to recover or learn to live with their new reality, rather than pushing death as a primary treatment option." MP Kelly Block

Spring Flower Campaign



Inspire Hope

In our ongoing efforts to share hope in the community, Choose Life Niagara joined the *Inspire Hope Spring Flowers* initiative, coordinated by our friends at Halton Alive.

More than 40 local volunteers helped make over 700 beautiful paper flowers to bring encouragement and cheer to residents in long term care and retirement homes in Niagara, Hamilton and Halton regions. What a lovely way to express that we value the lives of our elderly citizens and to counteract the euthanasia culture which gives a message opposite of love and caring. For more information and to see pictures of the amazing flowers made, visit ChooseLife.ca