

Canadian average. The teaching of the Catholic Church and the stance of the Catholic Bishops of Canada are clear. Suicide is not part of health care. Killing the mentally and physically ill, whether young or aged, is contrary to caring for and loving one's brother and sister. The dignity of the human person and the flourishing of the human community demand: 1) protection and respect for each human life from conception to natural death, and 2) freedom of conscience and religion for each person as well as each institution. Social well being, personal security and the common good – together with religious faith – involve safeguarding, not endangering, the lives of those suffer. The above recommendations and the thrust of the report completely fail to be “patient centred” or to assist and support the dying and the vulnerable. To borrow from the words of Pope Francis, the report's recommendations are the approach of a “throw-away” society. They do not reveal the face of God's mercy. - 2 - Together with my brother Bishops, both Catholic and Orthodox, as well as with leaders from the Evangelical Protestant, Jewish and Muslim faith communities, and many of other faiths or of no faith, I urge you to inform your elected officials why euthanasia, assisted suicide and the above recommendations are completely unacceptable. (Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

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World Day of Prayer: Foam Lake – Holy Eucharist, Friday, March 4; Wynyard, March 4 at United Church

Saturday, February 27 Wynyard 5 pm

Sunday, February 28 Wishart 9 am Foam Lake 11 Kuroki 1 pm

Monday, February 29 Wynyard 4:30 pm Lenten Devotions

Tuesday, March 1 Wynyard 9 am

Wednesday, March 2, Wynyard 9 am +Mary Karakochuk, request of Stephanie and Rudy Karakochuk

Wednesday, March 2 Foam Lake 4:30 pm Lenten Devotions

Thursday, March 3 at 9 am Wynyard, +Pauline Stephaniuk

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Sat March 5 Wishart at 5 pm

March 6 Foam Lake 9 am Wynyard 11 am

March 13 Wynyard 9 am Foam Lake 11

Sat March 19 Foam Lake 5 pm

March 20 Wishart 9 Wynyard 11

Easter Tea and Bake Sale

March 24 Foam Lake 5 pm Wynyard 7:30 pm

Good Friday Foam Lake 10 am Wishart 11:30

Krasne 3 pm Wynyard 7 pm

Sat March 26 Kuroki 2 pm Krasne 5:30 pm Wishart 8 pm

Easter Sunday Foam Lake 7:15 am

Holar 9:30 am Wynyard 11:30 am

“To your cross, O Master, we bow in adoration, and we glorify your holy resurrection.”

From: Deborah LarmourGlory be to Jesus Christ!

As many of you may have heard the Federal Governments final report on Physician Assisted Death has been released. It contains within it some stunning recommendations which could have profound consequences for all of us. These include:

- Medical Assistance in Dying should be available to patients with either terminal or non-terminal illnesses
- Psychiatric illnesses are not excluded
- Mature Minors will be considered eligible three years after the legislation is passed
- Advanced requests are eligible any time after diagnosis
- Effective Referral required
- Publicly funded health care institutions cannot opt out

I am attaching the CCCB response to these recommendations. Please, this week or next make sure this is in your bulletin and please strongly urge the faithful to contact the PM, the Minister of Justice and their Member of Parliament to voice their concerns.

In prayer,

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## **Pastoral Statement for the Catholics of Canada on the report issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada, entitled Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach**

Dear brothers and sisters, The Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada on “Physician-Assisted Dying” this past February 25 released its report, Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach. The report, in part, recommends: - That assisted suicide be available to those with psychiatric conditions (Recommendation 3) - That psychological suffering be among the criteria making an individual eligible for assisted suicide (Recommendation 4) - That within approximately three years assisted suicide be available for adolescents and possibly also children who can be considered “mature minors” (Recommendation 6) - That all health-care practitioners be obliged at the minimum to provide an “effective referral” for clients seeking assisted suicide (Recommendation 10) - That all publicly funded health-care institutions in Canada provide assisted suicide (Recommendation 11) In addition, the report fails to show how palliative care and home care can provide true options for those tempted by suicide, nor does it call for a national plan to prevent suicides. Suicide rates are five to seven times higher for First Nations youth in Canada than for nonAboriginal youth, while suicide rates among Inuit youth are among