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BILL C-41

WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW

WHAT IS THE CONCERN?

Parliament begins the second reading of Bill C-41 next Monday, November 16, 2026.
The bill has two parts:
The first part maintains the exclusion of mental illness as the sole underlying medical condition for medical assistance in dying (MAID). The Catholic Church supports this part, which protects vulnerable citizens, and encourages it to proceed. **The Church does not support euthanasia or MAID.**

The second part is problematic. It would permit advance requests for euthanasia, meaning a person could ask in advance to be euthanized if they later lose the capacity to decide for themselves. This raises concern because it gives another person the legal right and responsibility to make that decision on the individual's behalf.

WHAT ARE YOU ASKED TO DO?

1. "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess 5, 17

2. Send a letter to your Member of Parliament by scanning this QR and ask the government to:

- Separate the two measures in Bill C-41;
- Maintain the exclusion where mental illness is the sole underlying medical condition;
- Oppose the advance request provisions; and
- Advocate for care that upholds the dignity of people living with illness or disability.

Every letter counts. We are one body in Christ, so let's raise our voices together. Stand up for the dignity of every life.

3. We encourage you to share this fact sheet. Together, as one community of faith, we can help raise awareness throughout our Catholic community.

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