



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Prince Edward Island Provincial Council**



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***Provincial Chairperson of Social Justice Communiqué #2
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TO: Parish Council Chairpersons of Social Justice
**CC: Provincial Executive; National Chairperson of Social Justice, Glenda Carson;
National President, Shari Guinta**
FROM: Isabel Quinn, Provincial Chairperson of Social Justice

The majority of the Members of Parliament, elected to represent Canadians and help guide our country, voted to defeat a bill that would have saved mentally ill Canadians from doctor-assisted suicide under MAiD - that bill being Bill C-314. 150 voted for this bill while 167 voted against it. Since euthanasia was legalized in 2016 the federal Liberal government continues to push to expand who can qualify for state-sanctioned death. Terminally ill and chronically ill qualify. Now mentally ill will qualify soon too. Mental disorder should not be considered a grievous and irremediably medical condition for which a person could receive medical assistance in dying.

PEI Life has published a comic book titled *The Gift* which is a creative resource for teens. It follows 2 teens - Josh and Casey - who find themselves pregnant. It goes through 3 possible choices - abortion, adoption and keeping the baby and the results of each. The review at the end supports the value of life. This fictional book has the power to reach all teens and open their hearts and minds for life.

According to Pope Francis, 'our response to injustice and exploitation should be active promotion of the good and condemnation of what is wrong'. So let us continue to work at promoting the good as well as condemning the wrong.

Continue to pray for peace, the homeless, the sick and the poor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Isabel Quinn
PEI Provincial Social Justice Chairperson