

**Ontario Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**



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Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chair**

The Lord has called us from different nations, but we must be united with one heart and one soul. In the Divine Heart of Jesus we will always meet one another and there we'll seek our strength to face the difficulties of life. May we be strengthened to practice the beautiful virtues of charity, humility and patience.

- Blessed Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870-1957), Feast day June 4

Christian family Life Chairs your Annual reports rock. I am so proud and pleased I said yes when asked to be your Provincial Chair.

Over my two years as Christian Family Life Chair, you heard my social project was on Euthanasia assisted suicide. I am compelled to continue to keep this topic open in our minds.

National week for life and family in May 2015 also focused on assisted suicide (the English theme).

Since we have to show how our social project exemplifies the theme "ONE Heart, ONE Voice, One Mission, I hope I can say as a Catholic woman in the league our one heart is to have the appropriate end of life care (Palliative Care) when we are suffering and in pain and are being called our final rest.

As a league we have been speaking in one voice to what we believe. Our Catholic Bishops of Canada along with our National President and members have written to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada on assisted suicide.

Our one mission is being part of the discussions as stated in the letter from our bishops.

Since this topic touches the lives of all families and various aspects of this chair, I think it is appropriate to quote from the Encyclical Letter "Laudato Si" from Pope Francis

The Third Paragraph: "The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis" the subsection III the Crisis and effects of Modern Anthropocentrism – Verse 120- I quote.

120. Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of the new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away".^[97]

This says it all. MY written report can be found on pages: of the Annual report.

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Christian Family Life Chair

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