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To: Diocesan Education & Health Standing Committee Chairpersons  
From: Colleen Randall, Ontario Provincial Council,  
Education & Health Standing Committee Chairperson  
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, Sub-committee chairs,  
National Education & Health Standing Committee Chairperson

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This is a special directive to advise everyone that a sample letter to your MPP regarding Palliative Care is attached and will be attached on the OPC website for use of all members. With the help of Rosanne Sogan, Christian Family Life Chair, and Carol Richer, Legislation Chair, we have drafted what I hope to be a useful letter.

With the impending physician-assisted death law our Catholic voice of reason and compassion is necessary. As Cardinal Collins states we must strive for excellent, ethical palliative care that is accessible to all Canadians. The Cardinal has been given an opportunity to speak at **The Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying**. It is the Cardinal's hope that he can present the ecumenical and interfaith declaration with more than 10,000 signatures when he presents next week.

You are encouraged to click on the link below to read information on the national website then click on the link and sign the declaration. Please share with as many members as possible.

<http://cwl.ca/please-distribute-and-sign-the-ecumenical-and-interfaith-declaration-on-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>

There is so much information being provided by a multitude of resources that it is difficult to get it all out in a timely fashion. In the last week I have forwarded various articles from our national chair and will continue to try to keep you up on this issue as things unfold.

Prayer is a powerful tool. Please pray that we are all guided by our faith and love in our actions for God and Canada

Yours in service to God, Colleen