

# Everyone is worthy of love to the end.

## Additional Causes for Concern within the Proposed Bill:

Only requires those requesting euthanasia or assisted suicide to *appear* to be lucid.

Potential recipients must give only the appearance of being able to think clearly and make competent decisions when requesting life-ending measures.

Allows these acts to be administered to people who refuse available treatments.

Enables people to request death for conditions that may be temporary, treatable, and curable, such as depression.

Vague language and lack of parameters.

The bill specifies that requestors must be suffering from “severe pain”(physical or mental) or “terminal illness,” however these terms are not defined. “Terminal” means the condition will cause death, but does it mean in 2 months or 10 years? “Severe” can also be subjectively interpreted. Who can make the requests is not specified either, leaving open the possibility that Canada, like Switzerland, could become a haven for “suicide tourism”.

Does not require sufficient time for full reflection in the request process.

Two written requests are required, at least 10 days apart. In the event that the requests be made under extreme physical and emotional duress, such as following a terminal diagnosis, this would be insufficient time to make a calm, fully rational and competent decision.

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**Bill C-384: A proposed bill in Canada could change the law.**

***If it passes...***



Your **loved one** may **miss** the chance to feel **positive** about **life** again through effective treatment & **compassionate care**.



Your elderly **mother** with alzheimers could **lose** the **precious** last years of her life to **euthanasia**.

Real consequences.  
Real lives. **Real loss.**

***Is this real compassion?***

What you need to know about Bill C-384.

True care and compassion...

...ends suffering, not life.



Private member's Bill C-384 will go to vote in parliament this year. If it passes, it will legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada.

Toronto Right to Life Association, with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto, is issuing this urgent message to raise awareness of the threat that euthanasia and assisted suicide pose to the sacredness of life.

End of life issues strike us deep in our emotional roots. The feeling of helplessness while we watch our loved ones suffer can be very painful. Dependency, feeling like a burden, being confined to a bed and losing control over our lives and our abilities, these can be heart-wrenching situations. But these are the times when true love and support are most deeply needed.

We must seek to end suffering... not life.



What is...?

Euthanasia is the deliberate killing of someone by action or omission, with or without that person's consent, for what are claimed to be compassionate reasons.

Assisted Suicide is counseling, abetting, or an act of aiding someone to kill himself or herself.

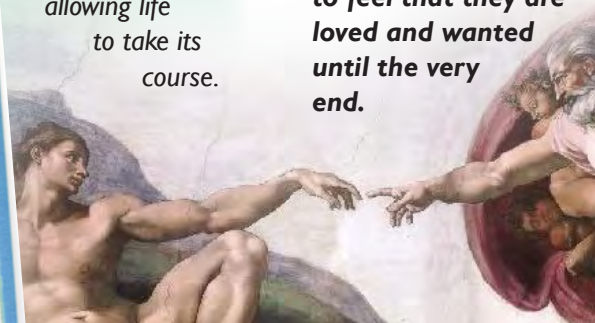
What euthanasia and assisted suicide are NOT...

Many people mistakenly believe that without euthanasia and assisted suicide people will be medically forced to stay alive long after they may have peacefully passed away. This is not true. The refusal of treatments that are disproportionate to the expected outcome is NOT euthanasia.

This is simply allowing life to take its course.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2278

"Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of 'over zealous' treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted."



Do people really want to die, or just not suffer?



In a 2000 study of patients who voiced the wish to die by requesting lethal prescriptions from doctors in Oregon, 46% changed their minds after receiving care such as relief of pain or other symptoms.\*

\* L. Ganzini, H.D. Nelson, T.A. Schmidt, D.F. Kraemer, M.A. Delorit, and M.A. Lee, "Physicians' Experience with the Oregon Death with Dignity Act," New England Journal of Medicine 342 (2000):557-63.

"...When I was sick, you comforted me."

What about the "right to die with 'dignity'"?

We cannot equate dignity, your innate right to respect, with ability, health, productivity, usefulness, independence, or self-sufficiency. If we lose some ability, become gravely ill, confined to a wheelchair or bed we do not become "undignified". Human dignity is not and must not be tied to anything other than being human.

You are infinitely worthy of respect, regardless of your circumstance!

True care and compassion ends suffering, not life.

Nobody wants to endure suffering, or watch their loved ones suffer. But ending the suffering does not need to end the life of the person. The literal meaning of compassion is "suffering with," and it is by suffering with our loved ones that we help them to bear their pain.

Supported by effective pain management, true care and compassion brings unexpected joy in the face of suffering.

Every person deserves to feel that they are loved and wanted until the very end.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2277

"Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable. Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to terminate pain constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded."