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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

*One Heart, One Voice, One Mission*

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**To:** Parish Christian Family Life Chairpersons / Parish Presidents / Provincial President/ Provincial Executive / Life Members/ National Christian Family Life Chairperson

**From:** Priscilla Boutcher, Provincial Christian Family Life Chairperson

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Happy New Year to all my sisters in the League. I pray that 2016 brings good health and happiness to you and your families.

#### **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition**

During the 95th annual national convention in Vancouver in August 2015, a motion was approved to add the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition as a temporary national voluntary fund. The motion is as follows: That the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition be added as a temporary national voluntary fund for a term not exceeding five years. More information on the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition may be found on its website [www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca).

#### **Physician Assisted Suicide**

In February 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that adults with grievous and irremediable medical conditions are entitled to physician assisted suicide. However, the ruling was stayed by the court, and will not take effect until June 6th, 2016. This time period was intended for the development of stringent regulations to govern and monitor physician assisted suicide in our country.

Over the past year, many of our members have written letters to government officials, signed various petitions, and taken time to talk personally with politicians. It is important to use every opportunity available to us to communicate our concern for this issue.

#### **Support for Single Mothers and their Children**

The Catholic Women's League believes in the sanctity of life from conception to death. We have been approached by the Center for Life, requesting assistance with layettes for single mothers with babies. Please encourage your councils to help in any way possible. If we want to reduce the rate of abortion, it is important to provide assistance to mothers who are raising their children.

### **Approval of RU-486 Abortion Pill**

As you are all aware, RU-486, commonly known as the “abortion pill” was approved by Health Canada for use in Canada. An RU-486 abortion involves a 2-drug combination usually offered to women less than 9 weeks pregnant. This is different from the “morning after pill” which actually works to prevent the egg fertilization process. The RU-486 provides for a chemical abortion as opposed to a surgical procedure. This is yet another means of making abortion an easy and viable option to pregnant women. There is countless information on the internet that speaks to the risk of serious health issues and even death for women using this medication. Members should be encouraged to educate themselves on this very important issue.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Winter Meeting in March.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you.

Priscilla