

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council

Legislation

February 29, 2019



Communiqué 3

Care For Our Common Home

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Chairpersons of Legislation
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Legislation (for information)
FROM: Paulette Borgfjord, Provincial Chairperson of Legislation
ATT: _____

Province of Manitoba

The Manitoba website can be reached at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/government/index.html>

Check out the Province's News Releases at:

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?month=1&year=2020&day=01&bgnG=GO&d=>

This site outlines initiatives introduced by the Provincial Government. The following is an initiative listed on the website:

Government Invests In Granny's House To Help Keep Families Together.

The government is investing \$400,000 to launch Granny's House, a one-year pilot project to provide short-term, culturally safe and community-led care. Granny's House will provide temporary respite care for children, so their parents can deal with whatever challenges and stresses they're facing in their daily lives. By providing trusted temporary support, Granny's House will help reduce the number of children who become involved with the child welfare system.

Staff for the home will be hired from the community and will include a full-time granny (housemother) and several aunties (support workers) to help the housemother in providing care for the children, as well as a case manager who will work with community partners and help connect families to other needed resources.

Federal Government

C-7 -An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)

Introduction and First Reading in the House of Commons on February 24, 2020

SUMMARY

This enactment amends the Criminal Code to, among other things,

- (a) repeal the provision that requires a person's natural death be reasonably foreseeable in order for them to be eligible for medical assistance in dying;
- (b) specify that persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness are not eligible for medical assistance in dying;
- (c) create two sets of safeguards that must be respected before medical assistance in dying may be provided to a person, the application of which depends on whether the person's natural death is reasonably foreseeable;
- (d) permit medical assistance in dying to be provided to a person who has been found eligible to receive it, whose natural death is reasonably foreseeable and who has lost the capacity to consent before medical assistance in dying is provided, on the basis of a prior agreement they entered into with the medical practitioner or nurse practitioner; and
- (e) *permit medical assistance in dying to be provided to a person who has lost the capacity to consent to it as a result of the self-administration of a substance that was provided to them under the provisions governing medical assistance in dying in order to cause their own death.*

Resolution 2018.03 Framework for Palliative Care

Please continue to monitor the *Framework on Palliative Care in Canada* and the office of palliative care. The framework is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/health>

Information on Parliament can be found at: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/en/parliamentary-business>

Let us remember to include our Government officials in our prayers at this time of difficulty and instability in our country.

Respectfully submitted
Paulette Borgfjord

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October 29, 2019



Communiqué 2

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We have cast our ballots and the results are in... a Conservative majority in Manitoba and a Liberal minority in Ottawa. Now everyone must get back to work.

Province of Manitoba

The House sat from September 30, 2019 until October 10, 2019. Bills were reinstated from the previous Session before the election was called. The House will sit again November 19 until December 5.

The Manitoba website can be reached at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/government/index.html>

Federal Government

The Prime Minister visited the Governor General on October 29, 2019 to express his intention to form government. This should be an interesting time in Ottawa and we pray that all parties will work together for the good of our country.

I will follow federal bills to see if any that pertain to CWL interests are reinstated.

Information on Parliament can be found at: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/en/parliamentary-business>

Respectfully submitted
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September 30, 2019



Communiqué 1

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“We believe in just and peaceful sharing, but how is that to be achieved? We have gained for ourselves a certain measure of security for the aged and sick and helpless, yet poverty is still with us. So are regional disparities. These are all problems of government, and therefore your problems.....When you take an interest in your community, when you form an opinion in politics, and when you cast your vote, you are part of government.”....
....The Honourable Eugene A. Forsey, author of *How Canadians Govern Themselves*

Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready to get down to work.

Let me introduce myself....my name is Paulette Borgfjord and I have been appointed as Legislation Chair of Manitoba Provincial Council. If you require assistance with this chair please feel free to contact me at pborgfjord@shaw.ca

We are now in an election period both provincially and federally. When a session ends all pending legislation dies on the Order Paper and committee activity ceases.

Bill C-418 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) has only passed first reading in parliament and will therefore die on the Order Paper.

The Manitoba election is scheduled for September 10th.

The writ has not been dropped for the federal election, but traditionally it is scheduled to take place on or before October 21, 2019. The October 21 date is determined by the fixed-date procedures in the Canada Elections Act but the Act does not preclude the Governor General of Canada from issuing the writs of election at an earlier date.

I encourage you to make yourself aware of your candidates and how they stand on issues important to you as well as the League.