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To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Healthcare professionals need our prayers and support. Parliament has passed Bill C-7 and expanded access to assisted suicide across Canada. People with disabilities, those with mental illness and those with chronic conditions will qualify, even if they are not dying. This law will put vulnerable people at risk.

The federal legislation will have implications for healthcare in the provinces. Now, more than ever, we need doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who will ensure vulnerable patients have caring alternatives to lethal injections. But many healthcare professionals with moral convictions are being pushed out of their profession by provincial health regulators. Here in Ontario, you can support vulnerable patients by contacting the Ontario government and asking that legislation be introduced to protect the conscience rights of healthcare workers.

I invite you to visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario where you can send an email directly to the Ontario government and learn more about this critically important issue. If your MPP is Conservative it will be sent to him or her, and if you are represented by an MPP of another party it will be sent to the Premier and the Health Minister. To view a video with testimonies from healthcare providers, please click here: bit.ly/2021ConscienceVideo

No one should ever be forced to participate by immoral means, for example, by making an effective referral, in ending the lives of patients. We need legislation in Ontario to protect the conscience rights of healthcare workers.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick, vulnerable and alone. Thank you for all that you do to strengthen our faith community, especially during these challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
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