



# ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

## **2021 Ontario Conscience Rights Campaign**

4 March 2021

### ***Saint Casimir***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Healthcare professionals need our prayers and support. The federal government is about to expand assisted suicide across Canada. People with disabilities and those with chronic conditions will qualify, even if they are not dying. The bill has been amended in the Senate to allow people with mental health concerns to access it as well. If passed, this law will lead to disrespect for the dignity of human beings and 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 <http://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 them, and if you are represented by another party it will be sent to the Premier and the Health Minister. If you would like to view a video with testimonies from healthcare providers, please click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtTEtrKWUk8&feature=youtu.be>

No one should ever be forced to participate by immoral means, for example by making an effective referral, in ending the lives of patients. This truly is an issue of life or death.

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 days.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston