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Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Abortion, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

As a Christian it is disturbing that the Supreme Court of Canada is allowing abortions, assisted suicide and euthanasia to take place.

I believe if the mother’s life is in danger then and only then should aborting of the fetus or baby happen.

Physicians, Dentist, and Medical Personnel should not have to depart from their oath to do no harm to a human either through assisted suicide or euthanasia.

I believe the only ways to help people live and die with dignity are: to ensure they are supported by love and care; to provide holistic care which includes pain control as well as psychological, spiritual and emotional support; and, to improve and increase resources in support of palliative, home care and mental health.

Are we not saddened when a love one commits suicide, yes! So why, allow assisted suicide to occur? This is murder.

Scripture defends the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death.

The withholding or withdrawal of burdensome treatment must be distinguished from euthanasia and assisted suicide. The intention in such cases is not to cause death but to let it occur naturally. We understand that under certain circumstances it is morally and legally acceptable for some to refuse or stop treatment. The refusal of medical treatment, including extraordinary measures, is very different from euthanasia or assisted suicide. Euthanasia is the deliberate killing of someone, with or without that person’s consent, offered in order to eliminate suffering. Assisted suicide occurs when one person aids, counsels or encourages another person to commit suicide. There is a fundamental difference between killing a person and letting her or him die of natural causes.

All people deserve to be saved and we must show compassion to them.

Remove this burden from the physicians and medical personnel and allow them to keep their oath to do no harm to another human being.