

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



Antigonish Diocesan Council

Here I am Lord, send me!

TO: Parish Council CWL Presidents and Social Justice Chairs
FROM: Denise Forgeron, Antigonish Diocesan Social Justice Chair
DATE: June 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Catholic Campaign for Conscience Nova Scotia
MEMO: # 1 (2024-2026)
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Sisters in the League:

At the NS Provincial CWL AMM on June 8th members were asked to support Catholic healthcare providers by joining the Catholic Campaign for Conscience in Nova Scotia.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons in NS has passed a policy that requires doctors to directly assist patients in obtaining MAiD and other controversial procedures. NS doctors who do not wish to comply with this requirement may face disciplinary action, potential loss of licenses and may have to leave our province or retire early. It is noted that other provinces have found alternative and workable solutions.

The Canadian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDAC) is urging that the NS policy be reversed and is also calling on the provincial government to intervene. Listen to a message from Larry Worthen, CMDAC Executive Director at [Message from Larry Worthen](#)

Members are asked to pray, write letters and share information within their parishes. Prayer cards and draft letters were made available at convention. There is also an online link at <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24> for those who wish to sign the campaign online.

For those parish councils who have not already participated in the campaign or who wish to receive more cards and letters to share with members and parishioners, these can be made available to all CWL parish councils free of charge. The campaign has found the most success when members stand at the back of the church with letters and cards in hand, encouraging people to sign them on the spot. Signed letters can be returned to the campaign coordinator, Brad MacKinnon, (contact information below) who will mail them to members of the NS government and to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of NS.

To order letters and cards, contact Brad MacKinnon, Catholic Campaign for Conscience Coordinator for NS. Brad can be contacted by email at bmackinnon@cmda.org or by phone at 902-449-8791. Indicate the number of cards and letters you wish to receive.

Your sister in the League
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