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WE NEED TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE & THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you for participating in the *Petition for life* project. This is a critical time for us as a faith community. We need to let our elected officials know that we are opposed to euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide. Human life is sacred. We need to defend human life from conception to natural death.

This past weekend, Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Archbishop of Toronto delivered a statement concerning *Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide* in which he urged his people to get involved in the defense of conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. I, in my turn, do the same. We need to protect the vulnerable and those who care for them. I encourage you to read the statement published in its entirety in today's New Freeman and available at www.catholicregister.org/item/21864. We need to be involved. We need to respond as quickly as we can. Write to your Member of Parliament expressing your concerns. Canadians from coast to coast are encouraged to take action.

It has been demonstrated that letters or phone calls to elected Members of Parliament are presently the most effective way to influence proposed legislation. Please visit the website *CanadiansforConscience.ca* to participate.

Sincerely in Christ,

♣ Robert Harris

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Bishop of Saint John

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