



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

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WINNIPEG, Manitoba—January 23, 2017—The Catholic Women's League of Canada, with over 82,000 members across the country, is profoundly dismayed and disappointed with Global Television Network and parent company, Corus Entertainment's upcoming release of a six-part television series, *Mary Kills People*.

The mini-series, to be aired nation-wide on Global TV commencing January 25, 2017, focusses on a medical doctor who illegally aides terminally ill patients in their attempts to commit suicide. Global TV's promotion of the series indicates the lead character's "business is booming."

The League, comprised of eleven provincial councils across the country, including the Military Ordinariate, is united in opposition to any act of intentional killing of human beings and strongly opposes euthanasia and assisted suicide.

It is of great concern to the League's national executive that *Mary Kills People* will be broadcast across the country, glamorizing the act of euthanasia and assisted suicide while potentially influencing the sick, disabled or infirm to make life-ending choices. The show's preview illustrates the main character encouraging a man to take a flute filled with champagne and phenobarbitol, while coaxing him to not be afraid, telling him a childhood story of flying. Death by any means is not glamorous and should not be portrayed as such.

League sisters are encouraged to contact Global Television Network and request the removal of *Mary Kills People* from the television line up. Members are also encouraged to use this moment to discuss compassionate end of life options with loved ones, educate themselves about assisted suicide and pray for those who are considering taking their own lives.

We encourage you to read the League's [position paper on euthanasia and assisted suicide](#). You can also view the League's [call for a national palliative care strategy](#).

About the Catholic Women's League of Canada

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, founded in 1920, is one of the largest organizations of women in Canada with in excess of 82,000 members represented in every province and territory and the military. The League is organized and pledged to serve all citizens and has often received the commendation and a keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.

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