

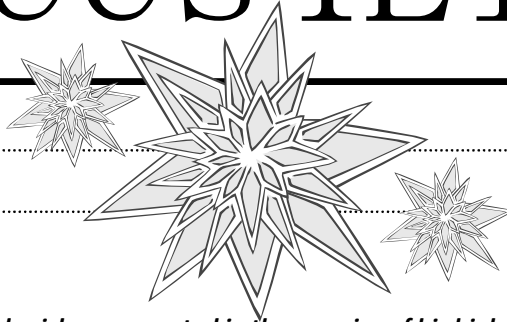
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"A man, even if seriously sick or prevented in the exercise of his higher functions, is and will be always a man ... [he] will never become a 'vegetable' or an 'animal,'" the Pope said. "The intrinsic value and personal dignity of every human being does not change depending on their circumstances." ... Pope John Paul II, 2004

Announcements...

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012

Registration, membership renewal 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm

Bishop Harrington Room
OLPH Parish Centre
635 Tranquille Rd.
Refreshments to follow

*Please attend with your
questions and ideas*

Voters must be paid members for 2012

~2012 Fundraiser Banquet~ & Silent Auction

with guest speaker **Dr. Margaret Cottle,**
Palliative Care Physician

~Friday, March 16, 2012~

OLPH Parish Centre
635 Tranquille Rd.

Tickets \$20.00

For more info, please call the
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On the argument of euthanasia...

"Once assisted suicide is accepted in law and culture, the premises of radical autonomy and allowing killing to alleviate human suffering would conjoin, unleashing the irresistible power of logic that would push us inexorably toward the humanist nirvana of death on demand." *Wesley J. Smith (Lifenews.com; May 1, 2006)*

For a wealth of current and critical information on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, consult www.euthanasia.com.

President's Message...

I would like to wish all our readers a sincere 'Happy New Year!' I'm safe in saying this now since it is true for those who follow both the Eastern and Western calendars.

We have had a new fall season with T.V. ads...one on the "Worth" of human beings in all walks of life, while another -"Runner"- is back for another year. Both are being well received.

We must say a big 'Thank-you' to St. Ann's and Mr. Beaton's grade nine class for being supportive of our "Crosses-On-The-Hill" initiative, the former for allowing us the use of their hillside, the latter for helping us with hammers and strong arms.

We were able to garner over 600 signatures on the anti-euthanasia petition (despite it being pre-Christmas time, and on such short notice). Thank you to the churches who participated and to all who voiced their opinion with their pens.

As you can see elsewhere in this newsletter, we have made significant steps towards final preparations for our annual fund-raising dinner. We hope to see you all there.

For those of you who keep Lent, we pray for God's blessings upon this time of spiritual reflection, and looking further ahead, we extend our hope that you all will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with great joy.

Garry Howell
President, KPLS

P.S. A reminder—your 2012 memberships are now due. Please show your support in this way. Thanks!

Margaret Cottle, MD

personal profile

Dr. Margaret Cottle is a Palliative Care physician in Vancouver, BC. She graduated from medical school at the University of British Columbia in 1978 and has been caring for dying patients for over 20 years. She is a clinical instructor at the UBC medical school where she teaches in many of the clinical skills courses and in palliative care. Dr. Cottle has spoken in Canada, Mexico and the United States about ethical issues, caring for aging loved ones, and palliative care. In October 2006, she was invited to give a presentation about end-of-life issues to members of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa. Dr. Cottle is a member of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians and the Latin American Palliative Care Association.

She serves on the boards for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada and the Christian Advocacy Society of Greater Vancouver.

Dr. Cottle and her husband, Dr. Robin Cottle, an ophthalmologist, sponsor the UBC medical school jazz mentor group, and the UBC student chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, hosting the students in their home every week for dinner and discussions. Their son, Alan, is a pilot and airline mechanic; and their daughter, Myra, a medical student at UBC, is married to John Butler, an ESL teacher and joinery student. Another member of the family, Cara, their black Labrador retriever, is in training to be a hospital visiting dog.

