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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, www.stleothegreat.ca

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course. Please call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Father Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If *Father Pius Alejo* is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Charles will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Charles, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin

THREE-DAY LENTEN RETREAT

with Catholic Evangelist, Mark Mallett

Sunday February 25, Monday February 26
& Tuesday February 27

Each evening from 7-9 pm. in the church.

A free-will offering will take place each evening to support Mark's family and ministry.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass at noon and 7 pm.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT:

5:30 pm. Soup & Bread Poverty Meal (Parish Hall)

6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm. Mass

[NOTE- Due to the Friday evening Mass throughout the Lenten Season the Friday morning Mass will be cancelled and the Holy Hour will be held on Thursday mornings from 7:30 – 8:30 am. followed by the regularly scheduled Thursday morning Mass. This schedule is only for Lent.]

Soup & Bread Poverty Meal Back On!

It was noted in last Sunday's bulletin that there wouldn't be the Soup & Bread Poverty Meal due to lack of parishioner participation but a change of heart has led women of the parish to hold the Soup & Bread.

The Poverty Meal is homemade soups and fresh bread served in the parish hall, with coffee and tea besides, to better situate ourselves in the spirit of our care for those less fortunate than ourselves. The proceeds from the freewill offerings of parishioners for the soup and bread will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist those in need.

Our Parish's 'Lenten Lottery'

Once again as pastor I am offering parishioners, both children and adults to take a moment following Sunday Mass to randomly choose a word from the two boxes provided on the Lenten Table in the vestibule. The word you choose is one you are invited to reflect on for the remainder of Lent, bring it to your prayer and keep it in mind as a word for you to ponder in your preparations. The word, at first, might not make much sense to your life or be of significance to you but trust that the Holy Spirit may be working through the word you randomly choose and might be of some spiritual use to you in this season of preparation, reconciliation and promise.

Canadian court tells doctors they must refer for euthanasia

Will they be hounded out of their profession?

by Michael Cook

For years bioethicists of a utilitarian cast have argued that conscientious objection has no place in medicine. Now Canadian courts are beginning to put their stamp of approval on the extinction of doctors' right to refuse to kill their patients.

The Superior Court of Justice Division Court of Ontario ruled this week that if doctors are unwilling to perform legal actions, they should find another job.

A group of five doctors and three professional organizations were contesting a policy issued by Ontario's medical regulator, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO), arguing it infringed their right to freedom of religion and conscience under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

However, Justice Herman J. Wilton-Siegel wrote on behalf of a three-member panel:

"the applicants do not have a common law right or a property right to practise medicine, much less a constitutionally protected right.

"Those who enjoy the benefits of a licence to practise a regulated profession must expect to be subject to regulatory requirements that focus on the public interest, rather than the interests of the professionals themselves."

At issue is the policy of "effective referral". A doctor who objects to participating in euthanasia cannot be forced to do it. But he is expected to pass the patient to another doctor who will. The CPSO argues that effective referral is necessary "to protect the public, prevent harm to patients and facilitate access to care for patients in our multicultural, multifaith society, by guiding all physicians on how to uphold their professional and ethical obligations of non-abandonment and of patient-centred care within the context of Ontario's public health-care system."

Without the policy of effective referral, equitable access would be "compromised or sacrificed, in a variety of circumstances, more often than not involving vulnerable members of our society at the time of requesting services," Justice Herman Wilton-Siegel wrote. People in remote communities might request euthanasia. If their doctor refused, they might suffer needlessly and taxpayers would have to foot the bill to subsidize the refusenik's conscience.

It is remarkable how closely Justice Wilton-Siegel's text hews to the arguments of bioethicists who have been chipping away at the right to conscientious objection for years.

In 2005 American legal scholar Alta Charo described conscientious objection as "an unfettered right to personal autonomy while holding monopolistic control over a public good ... an abuse of the public trust—all the worse if it is not in fact a personal act of conscience but, rather, an attempt at cultural conquest'.

In 2006 Oxford's Julian Savulescu argued in the BMJ that "when conscientious objection compromises the quality, efficiency, or equitable delivery of a service, it should not be tolerated".

More recently, Canadian bioethicist Udo Schuklenk and a colleague contended in the BMJ that

"If at any given time a doctor is unable to continue practicing due to their—ultimately arbitrary—conscience views, nothing would stop them from leaving the profession and taking up a different vocation. This happens across industries and professions very frequently. Professionals can be expected to take responsibility for the voluntary choices they make."

Responding to the ruling, Larry Worthen, executive director of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, said: "We heard from our members and other doctors with conscientious objections over and over again that they felt referral made them complicit and that they wouldn't be able to live with themselves or stay in the profession if effective referral is still required."

The case is sure to be appealed, but if the doctors championing conscientious objection fail, the consequences will be dire.

Throughout Canada, doctors would be required to refer for euthanasia. If they refuse, they will be hounded out of their profession, or, at best, shunted into specialties where the question will not arise, like pathology or dermatology.

This ruling shows how quickly tolerance vanishes after euthanasia has been legalised. In the Carter decision which legalised it, Canada's Supreme Court explicitly stated that legalizing euthanasia did not entail a duty on the part of physicians to provide it. Now, however, 18 months and more than a thousand death after legalisation, conscientious objection is at risk.

It also shows how vulnerable religious-based arguments can be. The plaintiffs contended that referring patients violated their right to religious freedom. While this is true, is this the main ground for conscientious objection? As several doctors pointed out in the Canadian Medical Association Journal last year, "Insofar as all refusals of therapy are ultimately justified by the ethical belief that the goal of therapy is to provide benefit and avoid harm, all treatment refusals are matters of conscience."

Michael Cook is editor of MercatorNet.

Canada Summer Jobs Program Be Informed & Reach Out to Your MP

Write Your MP

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the Minister responsible for this portfolio.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 13th

8:30 a.m. † Tello Siciliano

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15th

8:30 a.m. † Jim Nolan

Friday, February 16th

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17th

4:30 p.m. † Hector Anselmo

Sunday, February 18th

9:00 a.m. † Joseph Molica

11:00 a.m. † Attilio & Maria Tuzi

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre,

4300 Cawthrea Rd., Mississauga

Speakers: Mark Mallett, Ann Jamieson, Sister Helena Burns, Geoff & Jennifer Cauchi, Lisa Canning & Dorothy Pilarski.

Register at: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com>

CALLING ALL GIRLS

A Mother Daughter Event

Friday, March 23, 2018, 7:00 – 10 p.m.

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre,

4300 Cawthrea Rd., Mississauga

Speakers: Mark Mallett, Sister Helena Burns, Tara Barco, Dr. Jessica Chan Tai.

Register at: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com>

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Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga)

For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

VOCATION SEEDS

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997




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