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Æ"1993 the Tqf tks wgl 'xu'Dtkkuj 'Eqmo dlc. 'y g'Supreme Cqwtv'dgrkxgf 'y cv'y g'r tqj kdkkqp'ci ckpuv' cuukngf 'uwelk' g'wr j grf 'r tkpek rgu'qh'hwf co gpvcnl'wueg. 'cpf 'y g'tghqg'f kf 'pqv'xkqr'v'ugev'kp'9'qh'y g' Ej ct'vt0Vj g'f gekkqp'y cu'dcu'gf 'qp'y g'kf gc'qh'y g'ucpevk' 'qh'hw'cpf 'y g'ucv'g'u'kp'vt'g'u'lp'r tqv'g'v'pi " j wo cp'hw'0Vj g'f 'cti wgl 'y cv'cuukngf 'uwelk' g'y cu'y kf gn' 'eqpuk' gtgf 'v' dg'o qtcml 'cpf 'rgi cm' 'y tqpi. " cpf 'y cv'hw'kpi 'y g'r tqj kdkkqp'eqwrf 'r qv'pvcml 'rgcf 'v'cdwugu0

Vj ku'r tqv'g'v'kp'ku'i tqw'pf gf 'qp'c'uwdu'pvcn'eqpugpuw'v'j cv'lp'qtf gt 'v' gh'g'v'k'gn' 'r tqv'g'v'hw'c" r tqj kdkkqp'y kj qw'gzegr v'kp'qp'y g'i kxkpi 'qh'cuukncpeg'v'q'eqo o k'uwelk' g'ku'y g'dgu'v'c' r tqcej 0' Cwgo r w. 'lp'q'y g't'eqw'p'v'kgu. 'v' hw'g'wpg'y ku'cr r tqcej 'd' { 'et'g'v'kpi 'gzegr v'kp'u'j cxg'dggp'wpu'v'kuc'ev'qt { " cpf 'y cxg'v'g'pf gf 'v' l'wr r qt'v'y g'y g'qt { 'qh'y g'Surk r gt { 'unr g\$0"Vj g'hwto w'v'v'kp'qh'uchgi wctf u'v'q'r t'g'x'gp'v' g'zegu'gu'j cu'dggp'wpu'v'kuc'ev'qt { 'cpf 'y cu'hw'k'gf 'v'cm' { 'hw'gtu'y cv'c' t'gr'z'v'k'qp'qh'y g'ergt 'uc'pf ctf 'ug'v' d' { 'y g'ncy 'y km'w'pf gto kpg'y g'r tqv'g'v'kp'qh'hw'c. 'cpf 'y km'hw'gf 'v'cdwugu'qh'y g'gzegr v'kp'0

Twelve years later ip'Ect'vt'xu'Ecp'c'c. 'cnj qwi j 'y g'Eqwt'v'ceegr v'gf 'y cv'y g'cdu'q'w'g'r tqj kdkkqp'qp' cuukncpeg'lp'f { kpi 'hw'y gtu'c'r t'g'u'kpi 'cpf 'uwdu'pvcn'qd'lg'v'k'g. 'k'eqpen'w'gf 'y cv'c' r gto ku'k'g't'gi ko g' y kj 'r tq'g'gn' 'f' g'uki pgf 'cpf 'cf o k'p'k'v'g'gf 'uchgi wctf u'y cu'ecr cd'rg'qh'r tqv'g'v'kpi 'r gqr ng'hw'qo 'cdwug'cpf " gtt'qt'cpf 'y cv'y g'cdu'q'w'g'r tqj kdkkqp'i q'u'hw'v'j gt 'y cp't'g'cu'p'cd'nf 'p'ge'gu'ct { 'v'cej k'x'g'y g'rgi kur'v'k'g' r w'r qu'g0'Gx'k'f g'peg'qh'y k'f gur t'g'f 'g'x'cu'k'qp'qh'uw'ej 'uchgi wctf u'lp'Dgn' kwo 'cpf 'y g'P'g'y g't'nc'p'f u.'y j g't'g' cuukngf 'uwelk' g'j' cf 'r t'g'x'k'q'w'w' { 'dggp'rgi c'k' gf. 'y cu'f'kuo ku'gf 'cu'ö'p'g'ef q'v'c'n'ö'y j k'g'y g'y k'f g'p'kpi 'qh'ku' cr r n'ec'v'k'p'lp'y qu'g'eqw'p'v'kgu. 'hw'qo 'y g'eq'p'ug'v'kpi 'cf w'm'u'q't'ki k'p'cm' { 'g'p'x'k'ci gf. 'v'ej k'f t'gp'cpf 'y g' o gp'vcml 'km'y cu'y cx'g'f 'cy c' { 'cu'y g'r tqf w'e'v'q'h'c'f k'hw'g'p'v'öo gf k'eq'rgi c'n'ew'w't'g'0'lp'gu'g'peg. 'y g'eqwt'v' u'ckf. 'k'ec'p'v'j' cr r gp'j' g't'g'0

[ gv'j' g't'g'y g'ct'g. 'lp'4242. 'eqpuk' g't'kpi 'y j gv'j' g't'v'q'rgi c'k' g'cuukngf 'uwelk' g'hw'q'p'p'v'g'to k'p'c'n'ec'ugu. 'hw'q'v'j' g' o gp'vcml 'km'g'x'gp'hw'q'ej k'f t'gp'#

Gwj c'p'c'uk'ku'ep'c'd'ep'f q'p'o gp'v'q'h'r gqr ng'cv'c'hw'y 'w'o g'qh'y g'k'hw'c. 'dw'gw'j' c'p'c'uk'hw'q'r' r u'ej q'w'i k'ec'n' t'g'cu'p'u'ku'ep'c'd'ep'f q'p'o gp'v'q'h'j' q'r g'0'k'co 'gz'v't'go gn' 'eq'p'eg't'p'gf 'cd'q'w'y g'k'o r ng'o gp'v'k'p'qh'y g' rg'i kur'v'k'p'qp'o gf k'ec'n'cuukncpeg'lp'f { kpi 'hw'qo 'c'f k'uc'd'k'k'v' { 'r g'tur g'v'k'g'0

O cp { 'r u'ej k'v't'ku'w'q'r r qu'g'z'v'p'uk'qp'qh'gw'j' c'p'c'uk'v'q'o gp'vcn'km'j' g'cnj 'ec'ugu. 'cpf 'o cp { 'cti w'g'y cv' f'k'ci p'q'uk'ku'w'd'lg'v'k'g. 'cpf 'k'p'uk'v'y g'hw'g'u'q'h'f k'w'g'ug'f 'r cv'k'p'w'ec'p'k'o r tq'x'g'y kj 'w'o g. 'y g't'c' { 'cpf " o gf k'ec'v'k'p'0

Vj g't'g'j' cu'c'rt'g'cf { 'dggp'g'x'k'f g'peg'lp'Ecp'c'c'y j g't'g'r j { u'le'k'p'u'cpf 'k'p'uk'w'k'q'p'u'j' cxg'dggp'r t'g'u'w't'gf 'v'q' r tq'x'k'f g'o gf k'ec'n'cuukncpeg'lp'f { kpi. 'cpf 'r t'c'v'k'k'p'g'tu'p'q'v'hw'qo cm' { 'g'r q't'v'kpi 'ec'ugu'q't'v'j' g'r cv'k'p'w'p'q'v' o g'g'v'kpi 'y g't'g'w'k'go gp'v'0'1' k'x'gp'y g'eq'p'eg't'p'u'cd'q'w'cd'w'g'y cv'j' cxg'dggp'g'z'r t'g'ug'f. 'cpf 'y g'i t'g'cv' f'k'hw'w'm' 'lp'et'g'v'kpi 'cr r tq'r t'k'v'g'uchgi wctf u'v'q'r t'g'x'gp'v'y g'ug. 'k'ec'p'p'v'd'g'uckf 'y cv'y g'd'nc'p'ng'v' r tqj kdkkqp'qp'cuukngf 'uwelk' g'ku'c'd'k'k't'c't' { 'q't'w'p'hw'c. 'q't'v'j' cv'k'ku'p'q'v't'g'hw'g'v'k'g'qh'hw'p'f co gp'vcn'x'c'w'g'u'cv' r n' { 'lp'q'w'v'q'ek'g'v'0

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Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as fulfilling as possible.

In upholding the respect for life, those who consider that life is unbearable at a particular moment, or who perceive themselves to be a burden upon others, may be discouraged from committing suicide. Certainly, any extension to existing policy risks rendering a large group of Canadians more vulnerable to premature death.

If we truly seek ‘Dignity of Life’, then the government should be focused on providing compassionate care through sufficient palliative care facilities, developing world class support programs for mental ill health care and for those with disabilities, and engaging community, business and faith-based organizations. Canada is full of people who have overcome chronic physical and mental ill health conditions that seem impossible to bear, and who go on to lead full lives for which they are grateful. People with chronic conditions need holistic care that looks at them as a whole person. They require patient centered care that recognizes their individual needs and not those of the bureaucratic system. They require integrated continual care.

“The common good consists of three essential elements: respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person; prosperity, or the development of the spiritual and temporal goods of society; the peace and security of the group and of its members. The dignity of the human person requires the pursuit of the common good. Everyone should be concerned to create and support institutions that improve the conditions of human life. It is the role of the state to defend and promote the common good of civil society...” – Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 1925-27

Respectfully,

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