

ASSISTED DYING DEBATE 4th JULY

On Monday 4 July a petition organised by Dignity in Dying, a pressure group who want to see the law changed to allow assisted suicide, will be debated at Westminster Hall. The Catholic Church is against Assisted Dying, teaching that life is a gift to be cared for and preserved until natural death.

Dignity in Dying are in favour of legalising assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults with their petition in support of these aims collecting 152,854 signatures. It is important that MPs - who may well attend the debate - hear from people in their constituencies who are against changing the existing law. Guidance on how to contact your MP can be found on the UK Parliament's website.

In September 2020, the Vatican published 'Samaritanus Bonus' a letter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, approved by Pope Francis, on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life. You can find out more about the issues surrounding Assisted Dying by watching a recent CBCEW webinar



or visiting the Living and Dying Well website.