

**Archdiocese of Edmonton  
Scenarios**

1. After you preside at a Mass at a nursing home, you take some time afterwards to chat with the 12 residents who attended. One of those residents asks you about the Hope and Dignity program of the Archdiocese. You describe the program and explain that it is designed to promote other end of life options rather than euthanasia. One of the female residents looks at you and asks: "What is wrong with MAiD? Jesus would not want us to suffer, would he?" From the looks on the faces of the other residents, you realize that some of the others share her attitude. What do you say?
2. You receive a call about the death of a long-time parishioner. You invite the son and daughter of the deceased in to the office to plan the funeral. In the process of your discussions, one of the children of the deceased proudly states "It was a brave decision for Mum to choose MAiD. We are very proud of her." You discover that neither of the children have attended Mass since their confirmation. You ask whether it was a difficult decision for their mother to take. They reply that she had written in her will that she wanted to die by MAiD and so once she got a terminal diagnosis it was only a matter of time. What do you say?
3. You are called to the bedside of a parishioner who is in hospital with a very serious diagnosis. He has been told by the medical team that he is "palliative". He has been approached by his physician to see if he is interested in MAiD. He is worried about the pain he may experience, and concerned he may be a burden to his wife if he has to be cared for at home. He previously did not agree with euthanasia but now is not sure given his circumstances. What do you say?
4. A parishioner discloses to you that their disabled brother has chosen MAiD recently. They are visibly upset. When you ask them if they want to make an appointment with you to discuss how they are feeling they accept the offer. When the parishioner comes to the appointment, they indicate that they tried to talk their brother out of it when their brother called them to tell them he was choosing MAiD before he died. The parishioner felt like they really did not know what to say.
5. You are taking communion to patients in a palliative care ward. When you provide communion to one patient you ask how long they have been in hospital and whether they would like you to return in a week's time. They say "Well I will not be here next week, I'm getting MAiD" What do you say?
6. A well known and loved former member of your CWL chooses MAiD. She has not attended meetings for three years due to her health concerns. The President of the CWL comes to you to ask you to do a presentation on MAiD at their next meeting. What do you say?

7. You get a request for confession, anointing of the sick, and communion from the family of a parishioner who periodically attended Mass on an irregular basis. The family indicated that the parishioner was in palliative care. When you arrive at the hospital it becomes clear that the parishioner plans to have MAiD in the next two days. You attempt to dissuade them from the procedure to no avail, and the parishioner still wants last rites. What do you say?
8. You have a parishioner who has had mental health problems for a number of years which has led to periodic bouts of suicidal ideation. Recently they have been diagnosed with serious diabetes which could cause death if not treated. The parishioner is threatening to not take their insulin and have found a physician who will provide MAiD. The parents of the parishioner are concerned because their child has been assessed by their family doctor who believes the parishioner is not competent. What action do you take?
9. One of your parishioners is a federal MP and you know that a vote is coming up on whether to extend MAiD to children or "Mature Minors". You are not sure they are aware of the teaching of the church on this issue. What do you do?
10. A parishioner comes to you with a moral dilemma. They have severe type one diabetes which has resulted in kidney failure. They are on dialysis. A donor kidney is available but it is from a patient who is scheduled to have MAiD just before the transplant. What do you say to the parishioner?